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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Presentation on 311 system and possible applications for Taxi Commission [INFORMATION]

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

4. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

5. Appeal of Executive Director's decision denying the request of Mathew Merrithew, medallion number 887, for a waiver of the driving experience requirement imposed by Section 1121(b) of the Police Code, on the basis of disability; and [ACTION]

   a. Public comment on all matters pertaining to this agenda item.
   b. Possible vote to go into closed session. [ACTION]

   NOTE: The Commission will go into closed session if necessary to safeguard Mr. Merrithew right to medical privacy under the California Constitution and state and federal law. If there is testimony pertaining to Mr. Merrithew's medical condition, review of his medical records, or discussion of his medical condition, the Commission will hear such matters in closed session. However, all matters not directly pertaining to his medical condition will be heard in open session.

   c. (If the Commission goes into closed session) Vote whether to disclose closed session discussions. S.F. Admin. Code §67.12(a). [ACTION]

6. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).

7. Adjournment

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Damag Mohamed Algazaly	Iswor Prasad Sapkota	Ramiro Alberto Rodriguez	Zhen H. Yu
	David Thang Nguyen	Jawid Abdullah Rahimi	Ramiro Baudilio Vasquez-Maldonado

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Taxicab Commission Agenda - Regular Meeting
January 9, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
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E. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
PC & N Hearing and Service Hearing	August 8, 2006	February 2007
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar a service hearing regarding courtesy of drivers, cleanliness of cab, and quality of service.	April 25 & July 11, 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar a hearing on Jim Gillespie's case.	May 23, 2006	
Request to calendar consulting with DPT on expediting the process on placing the approved Macy's Taxi Stand.	September 26, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Kwok	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Commissioner Kwok requests to calendar a discussion on color schemes that want to change dispatch service from one company to another, that it be approved by the Commission. Also they must provide enough parking spaces for the cabs to change shifts.	June 13, 2006	
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar a hearing to discuss recommending to the Board of Supervisors a plan for incentives for purchasing alternative fuel vehicles and an analysis what the savings are for drivers and taxi companies.	September 26, 2006	March 13, 2007

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Commissioner Oneto	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Request to discuss the monitoring & enforcement of gate fees charged to drivers	November 22, 2006	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.		
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.		
Further investigation of Union Cab - Eugene Shu		
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background	December 12, 2006	

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Taxicab Commission

January 9, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers - Room 400
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Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Paek; Oneto; Kwok
Absent: None

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Tamara Odisho - Taxi Commission, Sergeant Ron Reynolds- Taxi Detail, Tom Owen Paul Zarefsky- City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director:** Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call - Showed a quorum was present.**

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2. **Presentation on 311 system and possible applications for Taxi Commission**

   - **Heidi Siek:** Summarized the 311 system which will launch on March 29. The program has been created to alleviate non-emergency 911 phone calls. It is available 24/7 throughout the 415 area code to aid San Franciscans in any and all inquiries they may have. Derrick Kim will be our office liaison. The analytical piece of the program will be tracking all calls, inputting the information into a database to monitor the effectiveness of the program in the City. Do not create policy just aid in disseminating the information.
   - **Pres Gillespie:** How have other cities used 311 with regard to the Taxi industry?
   - **Heidi Siek:** We will look into that, NYC is the only model we can use.
   - **Com Heinicke:** Do you provide a service to the customers?
   - **Heidi Siek:** We do not make policy calls on how you would like to use us, that is up to you. If you have ideas on how 311 can help your Commission, feel free to let us know and we will sit down.
   - **Com Kwok:** Are your facilities disability friendly.
   - **Heidi Siek:** Yes they are.

Public Comment:

- **Thomas George Williams**: Illegal limo reporting, and dispatch service will be great uses for 311

3. **Consideration of the Consent Calendar.**

- **Pres Gillespie**: Public Comment

Public Comment

- **Tom Stanghellini**: Supporting documents on the internet where not redacted appropriately, security fraud/ breach.
- **Pres Gillespie**: To clarify our policy for posting
- **Dir Machen**: We have adopted a redaction policy and I would have to go back to ensure that policy was practiced.
- **Com Heinicke**: Is there a City wide policy that the City Attorney's office has released?
- **Dir Machen**: I am not sure if there is a Citywide policy but we consulted with the City Attorney's office and created a office procedure.
- **Tom Owen**: There is not a city wide policy. The information would be available to the public if they requested it from our office or taxi detail.
- **Barry Taranto**: I think there should be public comment on the severed items.
- **Tom Owen**: We can take public comment at anytime.
- **Pres Gillespie**: No further questions, motion on A & B of the consent calendar
- **Com Heinickie**: Motion to consider Items A&B of the Consent Calendar
- **Com Paek**: 2nd Motion
- Roll Call

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oneto, Kwok NOES: 0
ABSENT: RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie**: Item C, Commission Benjamin will recuse
- Roll Call

AYES: Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oneto, Kwok NOES: 0
ABSENT: RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Pres Gillespie**: Item D, Dir Machen could you provide us with some background information
- **Dir Machen**: There's only a one page document that was turned in, this is the first application that I have seen for this request. This is the only required form.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Since Ed Burke is here, could you come up here and explain this process for us.
- **Ed Burke**: Luxor cab would like to launch this dispatch, especially since the frequency is highly used and are congested to the degree we are bumping into other company frequencies. We would also

like to launch this initially with ramp taxis and any other ramp non-Luxor cabs that would like to be apart of this can join. As well as any other cab company. For more information you would need to speak with Luxor cab since I am only a consultant.

- **Pre Gillespie**: Tom Stanghellini can you speak on behalf of Luxor?
- **Tom Stanghellini**: I can try. Luxor is trying to serve a need, and compete with technology demands.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Do you have cabs to be transferred to that system?
- **Ed Burke**: Not until March
- **Pres Gillespie**: Will you have any cabs on your system if we approve this tonight?
- **Ed Burke**: We could, if necessary
- **Com Kwok**: My concern is what if we approve this contact and in a few years you separate from Luxor cab, you will not have the foundation or minimum number of cabs required for a dispatch company. The relationship between you and Luxor cab is not clear. We need clarification of the relationship.
- **Tom Owen**: The current rule on the books, does not allow separate dispatch companies for color schemes. It also doesn't allow taxi cabs to register with more than one dispatch service, which should be the same as their color scheme.
- **Com Heinickie**: Initially you made it sound that GSP would be a separate entity from Luxor cab, which would allow companies to belong to this. Since GPS' is owned by Luxor, that would conflict with the current rule. Could Luxor operate this company as a different corporate umbrella?
- **Tom Owen**: The purpose of the rule was for customers to get information from the company. If GPS is being setup as a separate entity, even owned by Luxor, this would be a separate dispatch company. TXC could require that this number to be the same.
- **Com Breslin**: I saw the system and it is fun and great and to clarify, GPS is a system.
- **Pres Gillespie**: My question is not about GPS but why you are doing this?
- **Ed Burke**: We are specialized dispatch is not centralized dispatch. I own 20% of this and Luxor owns 80%.
- **Com Oneto**: How does Yellow operate with 2x's more cabs?
- **Ed Burke**: They have more frequency; not sure if Luxor can purchase more frequency.
- **Com Oneto**: Why is your name on this and not John Lazar, and why is he not here.
- **Ed Burke**: He is in Arizona.
- **Com Kwok**: I think there is a conflict of interest.

Public Comment

- **Mark Gruberg**: This is an unorthodox application, we need more information. Under the TXC rules there is a clear violation. Sec 1123 states no permit shall be registered to more than 1 dispatch service.
- **Laurie Graham**: I think Luxor is trying to bulk the ramp medallions on one dispatch and I find that concerning.
- **Barry Taranto**: I am confused and entertained.
- **Thomas George Williams**: All makes sense, Mayoral coming up and

GPS is what he wants Campaign. John Lazar donated $40k, this is a setup.

- **Pres Gillespie**: I think we should continue this so that John Lazar could be here to answer questions
- **Com Paek**: Motion to continue Item D, for further information
- **Com Kwok**: 2nd Motion
- **Pres Gillespie**: Continued without objection

4. **Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements**

- **Director Machen**: Gave her staff report on meetings, correspondences, etc.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Updated Commission on monthly Taxi Cab statistics, accidents, deaths, etc. Updated recent car thefts, and reports. Cameras in either cab not working properly. Officer pulled over and sited a driver with an expired A card since 1995.
- **Com Heinickie**: Who is responsible for the cameras in the cabs?
- **PresGillespie**: I think it may be us, we need to look into that and get back to you. I would like to thank Commissioner Kwok for all his work on the Commission.
- **Com Paek**: Concerned regarding letter about Thomas George Williams bomb threat. Would like further details about the incident. And is concerned of his safety and other drivers.
- **Thomas George Williams**: The bomb went off in my mail box, not sure who it was, the police are investigating.
- **Com Breslin**: Good message but let's not assume it was someone within the industry. I would like to have a quarterly reports from Dan Borg. And would like the bicycle coalition to attend one of our Commission meetings.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Srgt Reynolds and I tried scheduling a meeting with Dan Borg, but we had to reschedule.

Public Comment

- **Barry Taranto**: We should work with the Entertainment Commission to get dates to notify the industry of events being held in the City.
- **Art Hembke** : If someone did this to Thomas, they should go to jail. No one in the industry wants to hurt anyone. Suggesting that is unfair.
- **RichardHybels**: I've checked with CHP and the number of accidents due to mechanical error are 8/10 of 1%. Health Insurance will put me out of business.
- **Roger Ray**: Write a letter to medical examiner's office for a new field in their report. Camera's in the cab should not have a chip but a image tap instead.
- **Emil Lawrence**: SFPD worst homicide record.
- **Thomas George Williams**: We need inspection of cabs. Arrow Cab robbery notice took 10 days.
- **Carl McMurdo**: Look into Governor's health insurance plan.
- **Corey Lamb**: Car accident passenger broke face.
- **Ruach Graffis**: Arrow Company only installed one light after incident. Not secure enough. OSHEA regulations.

- **KyeRorie**: What's my place on this list, what happened to my case.
- **Dir Machen**: We will look into this.

5. **Appeal of Executive Director's decision denying the request of Michael Merrithew, medallion number 887, for a waiver of the driving experience requirement imposed by Section 1121(b) of the Police Code, on the basis of disability**

Public Comment:

- **Emil Lawrence:** Do not base your decision on the Executive Director's
- **Murai**: Pres Jackson suggested that disabled medallion holders could receive benefits from the state after their medallion's taken away. That is not the case. The money is limited and runs out quickly.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Not fair that public comment is being held before the item is heard.
- **Dan Heins**: There were Board of Appeal decisions that should be upheld and would reverse the ED's recommendation.
- **Mark Gruberg**: There has not been any policy change by the Board of Appeals since they are not a policy making body.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Tired of all the ADA complaints.
- **Ruach Graffis:** The industry doesn't have a retirement plan, drivers should invest and save.
- **Chuffa**: Create a law and stop discriminating against the disabled. There are many able body medallion holders not driving and getting away with it.
- **Director Machen:** Reading of report
- **Elliot Myles**: Reading of his report. Suggesting the adoption of a decision by Naomi Little should satisfy his argument. And under Sections 1096(a) and waive 1081(f), his client should be able to keep his medallion.
- **Director Machen:** Rebuttal that the case Hayward Wong be reasoning that this case is not valid.
- **Paul Zarefsky:** This is not a retirement plan. And driving is a requirement in the industry.
- **Elliot Myles:** Hayward Wong good example because the Commission could provide an exemption. Statues can be interpreted in different ways.
- **Com Heinicke:** Do you think that under ADA your client can receive an exemption?
- **Elliot Myles:** Yes, as long as Section 1081(f) is exempt and sections of Prop K
- **Com Breslin:** I've been against Prop K from the start. I don't believe permit holders should be required to drive.
- **Paul Zarefsky:** Court of Appeal understood Sec 4 of Prop K and clearly states the driving requirement is there. Court of Appeals provisions of Sec 1090 also recommend a full-time driving requirement.
- **Pres Gillespie:** I believe we should uphold our ED's recommendation.

- **Com Oneto:** Motion to deny appeal
- **Com Heinickie:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oneto, Breslin, Kwok **NOES:**
ABSENT: **RECUSED: 0**

6. **Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).**

   - Chuffa: Wants waybills
   - Jackie Sacks: Problems with ramp medallions at hospitals especially during inclement weather. Driver's do not get out of their cars to help, and leave after a few minutes.
   - Nathan Dwery: Enforcement of limos important, unfortunate that Office Marcic is limited to overtime restrictions.
   - Jim Gillespie: Has tried to work things out with the hospitals, white zones always loaded with cars, if drivers get out, security issues ticket. Always tries to encourage good customer service.

7. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Taxicab Commission

January 23, 2007

MINUTES
Commission Chambers - Room 400
January 23 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Paek; Oneto; Oka
Absent: None

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho - Taxi Commission, Sergeant Ron Reynolds- Taxi Detail, Tom Owen- City Attorney

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- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

2. **Staff Budget Report [INFORMATION and ACTION]**

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Budget overview
- **Com Breslin:** Why do we pay so much for the SFGOVTV station? Can't people watch it online? Could you recap the resolutions?
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Yes, but for those with limited access, they would not be able to watch it online. The resolutions would increase the medallion fee by 50%, and the other would be a request to add 2 investigator positions. The investigators would be able to assess the situation on the spot and issue a violation. Rather than spending the extra staff time to research and then disseminate the information with taxi detail and other groups we work with to issue citations.
- **Com Oka :** Could the disabled community choose ramp medallion holders?
- **Pres Gillespie:** These investigators could also enforce the three rule pick-up.
- **Com Heinicke:** Who pays for these positions?
- **Director Machen:** The money will be coming from our budget.

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** The Resolutions would have to be approved by the Supervisors in order for the job class to be created.
- **Com Breslin:** Could we use another term instead of enforcement in the resolution.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** The language in this resolution was derived from another bill, hence using this term

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathborn:** 50% medallion increase is unusual and excessive
- **David Pilpel:** The resolutions were not properly noticed, I wouldn't rush to pass them.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Should the resolutions be continued?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, we could continue it and place it on the consent calendar.
- **Com Heinicke:** We won't have time at our next meeting since it's PC&N
- **David Pilpel:** Annual dues should be moved to TXC balance and taken off the Detail side
- **Barry Taranto:** Public comment should be sooner. Medallion holders are being attacked, fees not fair.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Support request for investigators
- **Pres Gillespie:** Is this memo available to the public?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, it is posted on the web.
- **Robert Cezano:** TXC procedure of waybills should be done differently. Finger-printing method would work more efficiently. Auditing would be difficult without standards.
- **Mary McGuire:** Salaries unreal, how does the dept compute overtime? We should do background checks on staff.
- **Dan Hinds:** Just learned of the budget increase, haven't had time to review. You shouldn't be pointing fingers at ADA recipients if they are the "egregious violators"
- **Nate Dwiri:** If egregious violators are ADA recipients, it's sad, since we had a medallion holder with Parkinson's' afraid to lose medallion and drove a taxi, but never picked up passengers because he feared he would crash.
- **Mike Spain:** Staff didn't suggest increase in rate, sounds like UTW language.
- **Peter Witt:** Many issues at hand. Gas increases, Bruce Schaller's research, build relationships with all departments.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** Not all Prop K drivers are driving.
- **Com Heinicke:** These salaries are not high but are these the top steps and not the actual salaries paid?
- **Dir Machen:** yes this is the top step quoted by human resources.
- **Com Oka :** I was able to digest most of what Jordanna explained to us. I was not able to read my packet since I was not able to make-out the font. I wouldn't mind if we could continue this meeting.

- **Com Paek:** This isn't fair to all of staff's hard work for us to continue this.
- **Com Breslin:** We don't know what will be approved at the PC&N hearing and we should know that before approving our budget, since that may impact the budget.
- **Com Oneto:** There's a position missing. Are you removing a position?
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** There is a position being eliminated
- **Pres Gillespie:** My personal feeling is to move forward but if other Commissioners have an objection, I am willing to listen to any Commissioner.
- **Com Breslin:** I think we need to change the title, it conveys a different meaning. If we need to continue the meeting then we should hold a special meeting.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Could you prepare an updated memo for us by the next meeting?
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Yes
- **Pres Gillespie:** Since there is a major issue, and our policy is to give the public more than a few days to digest the information, I'd be willing to continue the meeting.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** I don't mind, it's your availability and your schedules.
- **Dir Machen:** Are there questions tonight that we could answer so as not to continue the meeting?
- **Com Paek:** Commends staff on their work for the budget and want to pass it tonight. Not a complicated budget to spend so much time on this issue.
- **Com Benjamin:** I would be in favor with it as well. The salaries are top items, not actual paid salaries.
- **Com Breslin:** If we pass this budget, we do so without the resolutions. And this will be a theoretical budget.
- **Com Heinicke:** We need to close this item, we should continue this item until February 13.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continue this item to February 13th
- **Com Heinicke:** Shall we discuss this issues now? So we can decide at our next meeting. I will begin by addressing that the issuance of medallions is an apparent issue. We have a macro problem and cannot address this overnight. I am not sure what the benefit of the medallion system to the public. One of the benefits is that it gives us long term experienced drivers. I am not sure how the investigator positions will solve the problem. If we keep making marginal changes, then it won't affect the bigger picture.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do you believe in individual owned medallions?
- **Com Heinicke:** Yes, and I think that we continue to talk about marginal changes to the system and I feel like this might be a time with PC&N coming up would be a good time to address this issue.
- **Com Oka :** Commissioner Heinicke has said what I've wanted to say.

This is a significant change and extra staff will help enforce it. Prop K needs to be changed.

- **Com Paek:** We should re-think Prop K, and what could be the best resolution. We should have a separate retreat to discuss the issue. But we have a mission for this meeting and should not sacrifice the work we have to do.
- **Com Heinicke:** Maybe we should track this issue and only add one investigator. Come back next year to evaluate it.
- **Com Breslin:** Agrees and appreciates Com Heinicke's comments. And suggests a 6 month review before the annual. At the PC&N we should look at our other solutions, ie GSP, districting, peak time cabs...
- **Com Paek:** Seems that we should have a master plan, ie: central dispatch
- **Pres Gillespie:** Next item

3. **Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]**

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends that only Item G be severed.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Public comments on items A-F

Public Comment:

- **Peter Witt:** Annoyed that consent calendar is item 3, what's the point if you shuffle the items?
- **Charles Rathborn:** Lots of public information on the web.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** All these drivers that are being approved.
- **Pres Gillespie:** A-F passes through verbal approval
- **Dir Machen:** Item G was continued from the January 9, 2007 meeting some Commissioners had questions for John Lazar. Edward Burke, the applicant applied for dispatch service.
- **Pres Gillespie:** I want to congratulate Haleem Mehmood
- **John Lazar:** GPS dispatch is to be setup for a multiuse application. He withdraws his application since he has not been able to solidify an agreement with one of his vendors, until he can bring the multi-vendor companies to the Commission. To answer your question of last week Com Oneto, I wasn't aware of the requirement of ramp medallions.
- **Com Oneto:** I didn't say that each color scheme had to have 30 ramp medallions, but rather each dispatch company is required to have 30 ramp medallions.
- **Dir Machen:** MTA requires 30 ramp taxis per dispatch
- **Com Heinicke:** Thank you for coming down here to explain this. I think my concern and others was that if we granted that particular permit, and there was some unclear debit program information, could we use this system wide. My dream is that we have a centralized dispatch system for San Francisco.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We are not here to hold the City back from further technology.

- **Com Paek:** Thanks Mr. Lazar for his wisdom and for his knowledge.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cezano:** Don't rush to make decisions and try to make a policy issue.
- **Peter Witt:** John Lazar would make a great salesman, and would like to see numbers to prove what he says.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** Luxor makes-up the number of pick ups. Since they only are 1/3 the fleet yellow.
- **Dan Hinds:** Voice dispatch is great and important to the community.
- **Ed Burke:** You could have gps and voice dispatch concurrently.

4. **Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]**

- **Director Machen:** Gave her staff report on meetings, correspondences, etc.
- **Captain O'Neil:** Clarify for the record that Director Machen did not cut out Officer Marcic overtime, the operation was suspended and it was a unilateral decision by myself and it was due to some accounting issues. In the past we use a great deal of hours during the summer months, and we didn't have a direct supervisor until Sergeant Reynolds came on and is prorating the number of hours towards enforcement.
- **Sergeant Reynolds:** Went over quarterly reports, cameras and update on changes in the Taxi Detail.
- **Com Heinicke:** Can we have a computerized system for complaints?
- **Captain O'Neil:** SFPD already has one, but mainly for low crime offenses. Our department ends up calling them back to get more detailed information. Some members of the public are from out of town, and so it is difficult to have them use an online form or an automated voicemail.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** 3 camera companies are authorized to install units into the cabs. One of which is no longer in business. They are supposed to be checked twice. We know they are functioning if green light is on, red if not. I believe a task force should be established to come up with a solution.
- **Pres Gillespie:** What company went out of business, and how many cabs have this camera unit?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Raewood went out of business, and we are not sure how many cabs have this unit, since there have been some computer updates and some information was not saved onto the server. We are looking for the hard drive that has this information.
- **Com Heinicke:** Who is responsible for maintaining the cameras?
- **Cpt. ONeil:** The Companies are, when we legislated this issue a few years back, the companies felt that if we had jurisdiction over the cameras, it would be to similar to Big Brother. I am willing to work with Taxi Commission staff and Detail staff to change policy if need be.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Want to take a moment to welcome Commissioner Oka, and congratulate Commissioner Breslin on her reappointment.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cezano:** Horrified Taxi Detail spends so much time on complaints. London has a drop-off for lost items, with a small reward when an item is turned in.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Yellow cab has a customer service line, so when passengers lose or misplace an item in a cab, they can call us to retrieve it. The number of cameras that are Raewood, is very small.
- **Richard Hybels:** We know if the cameras work, but we can't upload the images without a laptop.
- **Chuffa:** Taxi Detail officers are profiling and shouldn't be.
- **John Lazar:** Cameras are on at Luxor, we have lots of recovered items.
- **Peter Witt:** TXC's website doesn't have the Commissioners contact information and it should. Medallion should be placed on the inside of the cab so passengers are more aware what cab they are in.
- **Mike Spain:** Health care report was omitted. Police report complaints were a small %.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** Some complaints are petty, only serious ones should be investigated.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Taxi drivers are not indigent, and should be taken seriously when it comes to their health. Health insurance should have been in effect in January 2003.
- **Mark Soto:** Thank you to Com Kwok and welcome to Com Oka.
- **Norma Gilery:** Easy to avoid loss, driver should remind folks to take their belongings before they leave the cab. She needed medical attention and went to General Hospital and although it took a long time to be seen, she was happy with her service.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Taxi school teaches drivers to return lost items.
- **Walter Polsen:** Eliminated from paratransit program and would like to be placed back on the list.

5. **Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).**

- **Chuffa:** Continues to be deceived by some Commissioners.
- **Charles Rathborn:** UTW labor leader attack on Thomas George Williams' home is being exaggerated. Commission should look into the Kye Rorie issue
- **Nate Dwiri:** Partnered with the Exploratorium, and they hooked into the cabs and are tracking called "Cab Spying" www.yellowcabsf.com
- **Ruach Graffis:** M80 is not a small firecracker.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** Ideas for the next meeting, yellow cab has a new and better gps tracking.
- **Robert Cezano:** Many years ago, UTW had a health program and

was not democratic. The current treasurer ruled that all drivers should have business licenses, which means they represent themselves and are not employees, they work for themselves.

- **Norma Gilery:** We don't need individual health care, just go to General Hospital.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Prop K opens avenues for drivers, although it should be change to further its goals and intent to serve the public. Regarding UTW, it is a democratic organization, and only non-medallion holders have a vote. Nor can they hold office.
- **John Lazar:** Look into special accommodation for Kye Rorie
- **Com Breslin:** I thought he was going to be placed on the consent calendar.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Just received the memo, and not sure how we can resolve this.
- **Com Heinicke:** I cannot remember how we resolved this last time.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We are in public comment right now and cannot discuss this at this time.
- **Jim Gillespie:** No one's done anything wrong with Mr. Rory's case, but he should be taken care of by this Commission.
- **Mike Spain:** The healthcare committee has changed members and the results will vary because of its members. We should have received a report from our healthcare meeting.
- **Kye Rorie:** I would like an open hearing on this issue.
- **Com Gillespie:** I promise by our next meeting we will have an answer for you.
- **Peter Witt:** I have a small business and am a driver, so what does that make me?

6. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bikash Sainju	Ham Hwa Cho	Resham Singh
Billy Ray O'Neal	Harry A. Maung	Robert A. Collins
David Lew Wong	Jahsway Pernell	Sai Mon
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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

February 13, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

February 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Paek; Oneto; Oka

Absent: None

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Public Convenience and Necessity [INFORMATION and ACTION]

- **Director Machen:** Gave an overview of the Public Convenience & Necessity meeting
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** Presented a power point presentation of the PC&N findings. Talked about issues for reform.
- **President Gillespie:** Inquired about flag-down stands
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** Bell men reported differently than flag-down survey.
- **Com Heinicke:** Less than 50% response in any area of the City is bad. Public is using other means of transportation because taxis aren't available.
- **ComBenjamin:** GPS will alleviate this issue, Yellow and Luxor are two of 31

companies that currently have this in their cabs.

- **Com Oka:** Sunset residents complain to him that trying to get a cab takes anywhere from 30-60 minutes. Not sure if more cabs are the answer.
- **Com Breslin:** Have the supervisor's seen the report? Regarding the airport, are there more cabs staged there? If not, then where are the cabs? We should have a system that has a revolving/rotating taxi at each taxi stand.
- **Deputy Direcotr Thigpen:** Yes, each was given a copy. We can look into the revolving taxis at the stands.

Public Comment:

- **SusanMizner, Executive Director, Mayor's Office on Disability:** Consistently receives complaints regarding unequal service from the disabled community. Thrilled about the ramp medallion proposal. Contacted community, and many couldn't make it because of transportation issue.
- **Susan Wakman:** Problems with ramp and taxis not stopping for the blind. More cabs will alleviate the problem, especially if the commission would create a dedicated dispatch system.
- **Corey Lamb:**
- **Name:** Should increase the ramps
- **Name:** Survey was good, should've surveyed the cab drivers as well.
- **Chuffa:** I'm a rider and driver and am never satisfied with the number of taxis operating in the City.
- **Cheryl Domico:** More ramp cabs needed
- **Cindy Ward:** Appreciates survey but Desoto is poorly reflected, since they field 99.9% of their calls, dispatch works well for them.
- **James Kennedy:** Conduct EIR on operation of CNG cabs
- **ChristopherFolker:** 60 minute wait for ramp cabs; cell phone numbers of ramp drivers is the saver. Issuing more ramp taxis may lose business for minimum 2 ramp pick up.
- **Howard Shapman:** Companies don't share the ramps pick up's equally, increase ramp service at airport and hotels.
- **Mike Errage:** transportation problem isn't just a problem effecting transportation but also the health, especially for disabled.
- **James Pie:** Seniors Action Network; the recommendation for more medallions has been happening for a long time but nothing ever happens.
- **Barry Taranto:** Top light issue, not in control of by the drivers, but companies.

- **John Lazar:** Luxor and yellow have 40% of ramp cabs. There's nothing that adequate. Cell phones a good business for ramp drivers, 1/3 of calls go directly to drivers.
- **RobertCezano:** City is cheap and won't subside ramp program. Charge no show customers.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Amend Prop K, medallions shouldn't all be CNG, Goldman study should be reviewed.
- **Jerald Ganity:** Worked over 28 years and makes money because he drives.
- **JaneBowlig:** Increase won't work, we should require drivers to take continuous classes. Ramps are needed but there is a structural problem.
- **Victoria:** Illegal cabs and limos are a problem.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Cabs are not needed.
- **Charles Rathborn:** Report has discrepancies.
- **RuachGraffis:** This issues has been discussed for years. Make ramp holders employees.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Some taxis should be issued. Permit holders do well, working driver feels grunt of work.
- **NickSweiss:** Ramps should not be going to the airport, should be in the City providing service to locals, should have incentives.
- **PeterWitt:** 50% pick up rate in 2001, the times have changed after the dot com.
- **Michael Kwok:** Beta issue with ramps
- **Mike Spain:** Should issues 219 medallions. Chases down and out illegal limos.
- **Steve Remers:** Can make money working a 10 hour shift. Not sure why there's a wait, enough cabs.
- **Nate Dwiri:** Same arguments year after year.
- **Com Heinicke:** What's the response peak-time?
- **Nate Dwiri:** Average time 6-8 minutes, if traffic is heavier times of course increase.
- **Anne Ferran:** Sister uses ramps and only way to get a cab is through cell phone. Wait sometimes can be up to one hour. Called fire department at times to help.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Yellow, Luxor and Desoto makeup 75% of dispatch, response is very good. Extra ramps won't solve the problem but a revamping of the system will.
- **Taso Zagraphos:** Report skewed.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Yellow cab started new system, which has a good result.

Business isn't in the sunset, no matter how many medallions are increased.

- **Karen Horning:** Bad survey, illegal cabs servicing hotels not drivers fault.
- **Adam:** No need for cabs, but need for professional drivers.
- **Michael Fergeson:** Ramp drivers should have a reduced gate fee. No-shows are costly.
- **Tony:** Cabs are a luxury or necessity? DPT gives tickets when waiting to pick up fares, and sometimes when dropping off, that's an issue.
- **Richard Corey:** Survey flawed and unfair to companies.
- **David Hass:** Responds to calls, but many times no shows, they must pick up cabs on the street. Tries to pick up at hospitals, but can't wait there.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Supply/ demand issue is not considered when making decisions.
- **Blake Derby:** No new medallions, ramp program should be removed.
- **Mary McGuire:** Report used outside staff, would like to know who these people are, and how they were chosen.
- **Director Machen:** Steve Laplant took her shift as a volunteer in the Bayview since he lives there.
- **TomStanghellini:** Survey open information not there, how many cabs at the airport, and how long are they waiting? Peak-times are an issue. Random response time in survey inappropriate.
- **Chuck Walker:** Before 9-11 business was very good. Dispatch pick ups have more no-shows.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** Commenting on public comment
- **Com Heinicke:** No show an issue, Feels there is a need and people are in favor of adding more medallions. Peak-time system maybe an option. Enforcing can be done within the industry. Could issue the peak medallions to good response dispatch companies. Recommends 25 regular and 75 peak time medallions.
- **Com Oka:** Agrees with Com Heinicke. But not ready to issue more medallions. Wants more review of the ramp system and how it operates. Very good comments, but cannot get anything done without the help of the industry.
- **Com Breslin:** Not sure how many medallions should be issued, feels the survey covered quiet a bit of information. How to finance the CNG medallions issue, should be reviewed. Can't set restrictions on airport, and should look into peak-time medallions. Should have more meetings on this issue.
- **Com Oka:** We should have a say as to who received the ramp medallion.
- **Com Benjamin:** is there a peak-medallion pick-up time?
- **Com Heinicke:** Yes, and we will have to see if this investment will be worth while.

- **Com Oneto:** Once the health care plan comes out I think the need for cabs will decrease.
- **Com Paek:** Faced with 2 issues. Ramp medallion issues serious need to resolve this issue. How to better resolve this situation? Centralized dispatch should be addressed, meeting should be continued, but not sure if that will resolve the problem.
- **Com Heinicke:** Input from the public and from the survey addresses a underserved community.

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

- **Director Machen:** Introduction of item, recommends severing items F,G,H, I & J
- **President Gillespie:** Agrees and severs those items

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathborn:** Kye Rorie should get a medallion, it is only fair.
- **Nick Sweiss:** In favor of approving Item E
- **Carl McMurdo:** Kye Rorie should receive medallion.
- **Dan Hinds:** Not opposing Taso's application but careful consideration.
- **John Lazar:** Item F application is not adequate since he is applying for 2 frequencies, dispatch needs 3 frequencies.
- **Steve Remers:** Trying to improve service at Yellow Cab and want to continue please pass Item F.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion on Items A & B
- **Com Breslin :Motion**
- **Com Heinicke :2nd motion**
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Breslin:** Would like an update from staff regarding Kye Rorie.
- **Director Machen:** We sent him a letter and will offer him a medallion once it's available. Commission may have to give him a provision medallion. No new hours for this new year required.
- **Com Breslin:** When would it be a good time to notice him so that he isn't overlooked?
- **Director Machen:** Vicky Siu keeps a good track of medallions and will let him know when it's available to him.
- **Com Breslin:** No others should receive a medallion before him.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion on Item C1, D &E
- **Com Breslin:** Motion
- **Com Heinicke :** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Breslin:** Motion on C2
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion
- **Com Heinicke:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: Gillespie**

- **Pres Gillespie:** Taso please explain this issue, since you are here.
- **Taso Zagrafos:** Yellow cab working with Paratransit program and MUNI working with debit programs. Wants to use other data terminals, or other debit card systems using their "home" grown program for competitive business purposes. Will have 3rd party vendor equipment to make this work. But need the extra line not for dispatch but for the transferring of information.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like the proposal in writing. Have not had anyone to speak to this from yellow cab, we addressed this same issue a few weeks ago with Luxor. Continued to the next meeting.
- **Director Machen:** Item G, adoption of the findings.

- **City Attorney:** There are no changes, just adopting this issue which was resolved in a past meeting.

Public Comment:

- **James Kennedy:** This issue isn't fair.
- **Anne:** San Francisco is violating federal standards for ADA.
- **Com Breslin:** To clarify, he would still be allowed to apply for ADA, he chose not to.
- **City Attorney:** Yes, this appeal was for the last denied modification.
- **Com Oka:** Motion
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** public comment on h,i & j

Public Comment:

- **JamesKennedy**: Item I, wants waybills returned by someone other than staff.
- **Jane:** Independent contractors should be termed-out once their jobs are done.
- **Robert Cezano:** Problem with these positions since the commission wants to increase power by hiring more people.
- **Corey Lamb:** Taxi Commission similar to the movie "A Bugs Life"
- **Name:** Hiring investigators not good idea, and pay is high for counting waybills.
- **Tony:** Cost and effect on industry has a negative impact.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Auditor makes sense we don't need 2. ADA subscribers should not be considered violators.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Industry is going backwards.
- **Charles Rathborn:** Don't want to pay for this, not fair.
- **Anne:** Against hiring of investigators.
- **Mark Gruberg:** 2 positions will not just be counting way bills. They will also be searching and investigating.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Enforcement through commission isn't as effective as if it would be done through Taxi detail.

- **Dan Hinds:** They won't serve public interest. Most people believe medallions should be given out. Prop K effective and efficient.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Financially the Commission is out of control.
- **Thomas George Williams:** 2 positions are a good idea.
- **John Lazar:** Gate increase needed. Put all things on the table and pass together.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** Responds to comments.
- **Com Breslin:** Would like to further discuss the investigator positions. Would like to hire someone to train the police. Not sure regarding the investigator issue, especially if we want to change Prop K.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** SEIU doesn't like provisional contracts, and we would need money allocated for the position as well.
- **Com Heinicke:** Can we eliminate the position if we approve it? I'm in favor of enforcing the industry but I feel that this would be chasing a ghost. I have heard many credible questions. Alter the proposal to add one investigator position, reduce the fee to fund one position, and review the position to ensure enforcement. But I don't believe we need two.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We have heard every excuse regarding Prop K and overturning it, but there are 100's of cases that aren't ADA who aren't abiding the rules. We never fund these enforcing positions and then the industry becomes lax and doesn't comply.
- **Com Breslin:** If there's an audit of all the waybills, I don't think this is the position to do this. I think we need someone to clean up the illegal taxis and limos. Not once since 2001 have we put together anything to address Prop K. I don't think 2 positions are the answer.
- **Com Oneto:** What happens if we only hire one person.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** The issue would be safety
- **Com Oka:** Although we can't fix Prop K, we have the mind set of the taxi community and the public is changing the way the industry is run. Provisions of Prop K need to be changed and fixed, let's put it to the voters.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion of one investigator position
- **Pres Gillespie:** Discussion on this?
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Heinicke; Oka, Oneto **NOES: Gillespie, Paek,**

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion on Medallion increase of $137.50, item J
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Pres Gillespie:** item H as a whole
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

4. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Director Machen:** Staff update

5. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Com Breslin:** Announcement that SF Marriott will be in need of taxis on future dates that the Commission will fax to all color schemes.
- **Com Oka:** Sensitivity training for drivers. Taxi school operators, please bring taxi school curriculum for review.

Public Comment:

- **Thomas George Williams:** Have not yet agenized the over charging of gas and gate which is on the Notice Section.
- **Robert Cezano:** Should conduct town hall meeting on ramp taxis.
- **Mike Spain:** Drivers should be happy that there hasn't been an increase in gas and gate.
- **Victoria:** It doesn't take long to load and unload members of the disabled

community.

- **Barry Taranto**: Look at centralized dispatch. Street closures and companies are not posting.
- **Carl McMurdo**: We should agenda peak-time medallions. Top-lights maybe confusing because some cabs have the advertising sign which is white on white.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Desk clerks at hotels sell the shuttles to their customers. They collect money from the shuttles, and many do it.
- **Mary McGuire:** Wants to know how the SF Weekly got a hold of Heidi Mueller's way bills? No revocations have come of any of the cases I turned in for revocation.
- **Name:** Why not hire a taxi driver apply for this position, since they would know best.

6. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Odisho
Executive Secretary

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the February 13, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

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C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Abdulhadi Yassin	6-367
2. Michael Chow	6-254

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Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Michael Kipnis	1094	Luxor to B&W Checker
2. Steven Dale Doherty	471	American Cab to Regents Cab
3. Ronald Joseph Brothers	349	Luxor to Yellow

E. Consideration to Grant a Dispatch Permit to:

Applicant Name:	Dispatch Company Name	Name on FCC License
1. Taso Zografos	SF Ramp Taxi Dispatch	Yellow Cab

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant Color Scheme to:

Applicant Name:	New Company Name:	Medallion #:
Mark Gruberg	Green Cab	1106; other to be determined

G. Adoption of Executive Director's decision for admonishment and fine of James Richard Gillespie, medallion number 987 in the amount of $1,680.00, for failure to drive under Municipal Police Code Section 1081(f).

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Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
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Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
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February 27, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

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Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Paek; Oneto; Oka

Absent: None

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Junior Analyst Jack Brodnax, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

5. Public Comment: (This item was taken first)

- **RobertCezano:** Why did the survey go out to only the first 200 people, questions were inappropriate.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Announcement of free health screening would be held at SFO over the weekend.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Tax Collector fee is being protested and driver should not pay
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Market crashed, there are many problems facing the world.
- **Chuffa:** Commission should be paranoid about the future.
- **Mike Spain:** Goldman School research would be good for the healthcare issue. Add fare for picking up in the Sunset.

2. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

- **Director Machen:** Recommends severing items D1 &3; E, F & G
- **President Gillespie:** Agrees.

Public Comment:

- **Mark Gruberg:** Commenting on his new color scheme. Not moving medallions just yet.
- **Com Heinicke:** What are the plans for Green Cab? Not all dispatch companies are equal. If your dispatch isn't generating business, would you move your company to another dispatch?
- **Mark Gruberg:** Wants to pursue best business practices, and generate calls through dispatch, if dispatch isn't performing, will move company to another dispatch service.
- **Com Benjamin:** Only all green cabs?
- **Mark Gruberg:** Yes, hope to have all prius vehicles.
- **Com Oka :** Concerns with Regents dispatch since they don't pick-up ramps.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Customers don't typically call Regeants for pick-up Green cabs hopes to change this.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Companies should hire drivers that take radio calls, which will be something Green Cab does.
- **Dan Hinds:** Shouldn't color scheme have a permit? TXC should not fine James Gillespie.
- **Chuffa:** Jim Gillespie the best in the industry. TXC should hear the whole story.
- **Charles Rathborn:** Jim Gillespie respected person in the industry.
- **John Lazar:** Item F; small fleets not performing at levels that larger medallions are. Taso's application should not be applied.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Support Jim Gillespie.
- **Taso Zografos:** Jim Gillespie is a good guy.
- **Mike Spain:** Green Cab good idea, good luck.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Jim Gillespie shouldn't be penalized.
- **AbdulhadiYassin:** Both Yellow and Luxor began as small companies, they shouldn't be hard on the small companies now.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Recently picked up a customer who was waiting for a Luxor cab for over 45 minutes.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Public comment closed, vote on A, B, & C
- **Com Oneto:** Motion on A, B & C
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Abdulhadi Yassin:** He didn't realize he was supposed to speak on his item.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Strike vote on Item C1
- **AbdulhadiYassin:** Claims that as a MUNI driver, should get credit for driving a taxi.
- **City Attorney:** Must operate a privately owned vehicle, MUNI is public vehicle.
- **Com Heinicke:** No more debate, on this item should vote. Motion to vote on C1 to remove his name from the medallion waiting list.
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

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- **Com Heinicke:** Has a problem with color scheme changes from a high scoring dispatch company to a lower scoring dispatch company. Green is a new company would not be an issue?
- **Com Breslin:** Feels the same way except the "reason" section on the application not convincing.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Finds it troubling that the Commission would continue the color scheme changes based on PC&N. Feels there's a need to approach this differently. Dire need for centralized dispatch.
- **Com Heinicke:** We have this information now, we should act and try to do something and not continually pass this issue. If not now, when?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Should we continue it?
- **Com Oka :** Does there need to be a formal motion?
- **Steve Anton:** We respond to ½ the calls we receive. We are a small company

and have 2 paratransit cabs. We receive 12 calls/month for ramp.

- **Com Breslin:** Wants stability in the fleets, no reason for cabs to jump from one company to another. Wants good "reasons" for drivers to change companies.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Should only certain companies receive ramps?
- **Com Heinicke:** Dispatch companies who received a low rating should be put on watch. Motion to continue Items D1 & 2.
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion
- **Com Oka:** Should make rules before denying anyone's request.
- **Director Machen: Roll call on D1**

AYES: Breslin, Heinicke; Paek, NOES: Oneto, Oka, Gillespie

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Director Machen: Roll call on D2**

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Heinicke; Paek, NOES: Gillespie, Oka, Oneto

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Com Gillespie:** Dispatch issued to be continued until March 27, 2007 for Discussion and Action
- **Com Onteo:** Should establish a criteria for dispatch. Also please continue D3 since Sgt Reynolds is investigating this case.
- **Com Paek:** Continue D3
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion
- **Director Machen:** Line item E; Taso Zagraffos
- **Taso Zagraffos:** We thought we needed this application but we do not. We will conduct tests but do not need the dispatch lines. Withdrawing application.
- **Director Machen:** Line Item F
- **Com Breslin:** Lots of Q&A regarding this issue, what's the difference between this or the color scheme change?
- **Com Heinicke:** There is a difference between color scheme change and new color scheme issuance. Different situation.

- **Com Breslin:** Motion to approve Item F
- **Pres Gillespie:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Recuses himself from Item G.
- **Com Breslin:** Proceed with Item G
- **Jack Brodnax:** Summary of Case
- **Com Heinicke:** Questions regarding fine.
- **Com Benjamin:** What's the fine per day?
- **Bill Ward; Attorney for James Gillespie:** Review and summary of case. Doesn't feel hearing officer recommended admonishment. Sent letter of lease to TXC staff in November has not received a response.
- **Director Machen:** Letter was received but no documents to show proof of lease.
- **Com Heinicke:** Not here to re-review the case, but to make a decision and stick to the rules which needs to be followed. Did the hearing officer have the information needed to make an appropriate decision.
- **Com Breslin:** Where was the fine amount derived from?
- **Director Machen:** Doesn't think hearing officer knew what the lease fees were.
- **Com Heinicke:** Remand of the fine findings from the hearing officer.
- **Com Breslin:** Continues the item without a vote.
- **City Attorney:** Commissioners can review the hearing tape.
- **Com Breslin:** No need, wanted to know if staff created the fine or not. Also disagree with finding No 5.
- **Director Machen:** Findings 1-5 are hearing officers.

3. Public Convenience and Necessity [INFORMATION and ACTION]

Public Comment:

- **Warren King:** Ramps should not be going to the airport, but servicing the City.
- **Karen Trailer:** Hard to get a wheel chair van and it's gotten worse. 50 are needed.

- **Mike Spain:** Can't measure this by population but should measure it on needs.
- **Cheryl Domingo:** 50 more ramps are needed. Recognizes problem and is trying to solve it.
- **Susan Mizner: MOD Director:** No questions that the ramps are not working most problematic in Commission. Need for compliance and more medallions. Com Oka is the only one who is speaking for the disabled community.
- **Mary McGuire:** Who is Erik, looked like Tristan Bettencourt.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Does the TXC want better service or more cabs? Give ramps to people who drive them.
- **Com Oka :** Wants to make a difference, not here to agree or disagree with the Commission.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Concerned about Ramp issue doesn't think ½ are appropriately functioning. Peak-time medallions not feasible.
- **Laurie Graham:** If you issue more medallions, may lose ramps. I would accept it, getting to old for the program, plus the money isn't what it should be.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Many people are eager on the list and will take anything including the peak-time medallions.
- **Corey Lamb:** There should be incentives for ramp drivers. Cabs should only take about 20 minutes to get around the City.
- **Thomas George Williams:** No more cabs during an election year. TXC should put efforts into enforcement. Ramps should not belong to the TXC, but to the MTA
- **Com Benjamin:** We need incentives for the ramp program. TXC should focus on the ramp program. Measure the number of disabled members in our community and create a shuttle program specifically to address the need.
- **Com Oka :** Want cabs not special vehicles. Should have an equal opportunity. Riders should be apart of the decision making process. This discussion has been going on since 1992.
- **Com Heinicke:** Service is an issue. Peak-times make sense, but in the abstract not reality. Frustrated with Prop K, which doesn't give much flexibility without statute. Propose 125 medallions; 50 now; color schemes should be scrutinized, GPS should be a requirement.
- **Com Breslin:** We should reserve some ramps.
- **Com Heinicke:** Do we need to reserve ramps?
- **Director Machen:** No you do not.
- **Com Benjamin:** Could the paratransit community work on reviewing the ramp medallion recipients?

- **City Attorney:** Another body cannot be created because of Prop K.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Supports 25 ramp medallions with the support of the paratransit body
- **Com Breslin:** Will "City" only cabs work? They would be required to stay in the City.
- **Pres Gillespie:** That would be difficult to enforce. 25 regular and 25 ramp medallions with review by the paratransit group should suffice at this time.
- **City Attorney:** This would be ok, however the group does not get the last say as to who does or doesn't receive a ramp medallion and cannot go through the list and pick ramp holders.
- **Com Paek:** There is a need for this and we should approve it.
- **Com Oka :** Motion to approve 25 ramp medallions with review by the paratransit council.
- **City Attorney:** The TXC can stipulate medallions but under CEQA the medallions are required to undergo an environmental review.
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

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- **Com Henicke:** Would like to issue regular medallions.
- **Com Paek:** Not in favor of issuing the ramp medallions
- **Com Onteo:** Believes the increase would stress out the drivers. This isn't fixing the problem.
- **Com Breslin:** The public's problem is that there is not enough service and needs more, and wants to address that.
- **Com Benjamin:** The industry can absorb the medallions.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion on 25 alternate fuel and hybrid medallions
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Heinicke; Paek, Oka NOES: Oneto

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

4. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Director Machen:** Update
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Update

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1. Honorio Lungob Juan	1295	Union Cab to Town Taxi
2. Octavius Nash	1254	Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab
3. Faramarz Golshan	398	Union Cab to Royal Cab

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:
1. Raif Dentkas	6-445	Luxor
2. John Russo	6-446	Desoto
3. Guillermo Tovar (Ramp)	6-518	Luxor

C. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar a service hearing regarding courtesy of drivers, cleanliness of cab, and quality of service. Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	April 25 & July 11, 2006 December 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Would like a working group to be created to review ramp medallion applicants. Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar a hearing to discuss recommending to the Board of Supervisors a plan for incentives for purchasing alternative fuel vehicles and an analysis what the savings are for drivers and taxi companies. Dispatch company reform	September 26, 2006 February 27, 2007	March 27, 2007 March 27, 2007
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to discuss the monitoring & enforcement of gate fees charged to drivers	November 22, 2006	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.		
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.		
Further investigation of Union Cab - Eugene Shu		
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background	December 12, 2006	

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B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:
1. Raif Dentkas	6-445	Luxor
2. John Russo	6-446	Desoto
3. Guillermo Tovar (Ramp)	6-518	Luxor

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Consideration of Clean Air policy for taxis [INFORMATION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
3. Healthcare for Taxi Drivers Working Group [ACTION]
4. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]
5. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
6. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).
7. Adjournment

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B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Abdulrazak Abdulhafidh Almahbashi	Gurpreet Singh	Mohammed A.M. Hadeed
Almerison De Andrade Silva	Hung Anh Truong	Satnam Singh Chahal
Antonio Carlos Periera Da Silva	Iara Periera Faria	Solomon Tesfe
Befekadu Estiphanos	James Carter Hubbard	Stephen Schott
Bhupinder Singh	James Justin Williams	Tedros Berhane Girmatsion
Brook Tariku Meta	James Rogers Christian	Terry Trieu Nguyen
Camila Mendes Severino	Jasbir Singh Chahal	Travis Tang
Carlton Laroy Raybon	Larry Alan Barlas	Trieu Nick Thanh Le
Christian C. Van Vleck	Lawrence Shuang Zhou	Woldemarim Libsecal Ghebreyesus
Chun Chung Lau	Lev Delany	Xia Yang
Dawit Girma	Mahmoud A. Bukhari	Yonatan Beraki Girmay
Gaith Moncef Benyounes	Majar Singh	Yuk Ming Mau

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

March 27, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

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Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Heinicke; Paek; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Breslin

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

2. **Consideration of Clean Air policy for taxis [INFORMATION and POSSIBLE ACTION]**

   - **Vandana Bali, Department of Environment:** Introduction of green menu and discussion.
   - **President Gillespie:** No policy decisions to be made tonight, only review.
   - **Com Heinicke:** If the maintenance factor is a wash, would the fuel savings realized be profitable? Taxis are a small % of the cars driven in SF; what would the benefit be for the environment?
   - **V. Bali:** Reduction in tail pipe emissions would be beneficial
   - **Pres Gillespie:** We can help reduce CO2 as a sector, not taking action is

unconscionable. Reduction of fuel consumption would put more money in drivers pockets.

- **John James, S&C Ford:** Has been a part of the program since 1989. CNG is the best product available, and is the stepping point for Hydrogen. Maintenance on CNG Crown Vic is the same for fuel Crown Victorias.
- **Hal , Yellow Cab:** Mandating this may not be fair for smaller cab companies.
- **Com Benjamin:** How many used CNG vehicles are available?
- **Hal:** There are quite a few but they do not meet the qualifications to be a part of the taxi fleet.
- **John Lazar, Luxor Cab:** The Standard Taxi will be available in 2008. Luxor to purchase 180 vehicles. Will be using a Chevy engine.
- **Com Henicke:** No one is saying they do not want this, nor is anyone saying companies couldn't afford this.
- **Steve Anton, Regents Cab:** There is a commitment to get involved, but how long will the incentives be available for, since there will be more companies competing?
- **Pres Gillespie:** How would you feel about increasing the gate fee?
- **Com Heinicke:** I say we make it a general requirement and let the companies do it their way, hybrid or alt fuels.
- **Marty Smith, Delta Cab:** Burning clean fuel is a very topical and important issue. Saving for drivers are huge. It seems that the driver is being left out of the picture. Don't care for mandates, but would like to see 50% hybrid in 2 years.
- **Doug Cameron, Clean Energy:** CNG is CARB certified.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathoborn:** Drives a London Cab and is happy with it. High powered diesel is better for heavier vehicles. Bio-diesel is also available in SF.
- **Tim Lap:** Urges TXC to use bio-diesel.
- **Name:** Hybrid crashed; used Crown Victoria and finds it to be equally safe. Carpool use is a plus.
- **Barry Taranto:** There aren't many CNG fueling stations, hard to gas up vehicle. Don't increase gate fee.
- **Robert Cezano:** Difficult for the elderly and handicapped to get into hybrid

vehicles.

- **Mark Gruberg:** Green cab hasn't decided which vehicles to purchase but will soon.
- **Christopher Fulkerson:** Congratulations for taking on this issue. Gate increase is reasonable.
- **BlakeDurby:** Firecrackers burn off more co2 than cars, should look into that.
- **Ron Fishman:** New regulations affect the lives of drivers.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** CNG precluded because of credit cards. What about airports, more CNGs no free pass at airport?
- **Name:** Safety should be the most important factor.
- **Vandana Bali:** Although funding is limited, DOE put in application for taxi industry.
- **Com Heinicke:** How long is the money available for? Can we find out if more is need?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continue to second meeting in April.
- **Com Heinicke:** Agrees this is an issue, but feels that it's second to dispatching in the Sunset. Incremental mandate would be something to consider. As well as flexibility for companies to choose which cars to purchase.

3. Healthcare for Taxi Drivers Working Group [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Overview of the issue
- **Com Benjamin:** Who is the provider of the insurance plan?
- **Kerry Johnson:** Semeta Financial, a Warren buffet company.
- **Com Heinicke:** The Commission could forward this to the Board of Supervisors without a recommendation and not an adoption by the Commission.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** 25c charge on meter would be fair.
- **Robert Cezano:** Pass this to the Board, better a plan than none.
- **Charles Rathoborn:** Amend resolutions and change to medallion holders' plan.
- **Ron Fishman:** Everyone should pay for their own healthcare.

- **Dan Hinds:** Costs increased, will hurt companies.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Start slow, than build a plan, since there is no sure number of how many will participate.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Having a plan is better than none.
- **Eileen:** There are multiple options. Issues were brought up during the process and thought through.
- **Blake Durby:** Health Care Committee not fairly represented. Trust administrator is costly.
- **Christopher Fulkerson:** Plan is imminent and unfair, no figure used.
- **Marty Smith:** Companies will go out of business.
- **Jim Gillespie, Yellow Cab:** Brian Browne report supports Aarbis plan.
- **Ed Healy:** Very expensive group plan, starter insurance better than no plan.
- **Ruach Graffis:** 1973 drivers had insurance and representation.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Plan should be universal health care, Dublin's a good plan but expensive. Aarbis is better.
- **Peter Witt:** Consider 3 plans simultaneously; gate increase, healthcare and raise meters.
- **Julietta:** Not against paying for insurance but doesn't agree with the high cost.
- **Liz Bradley:** All make money, some more than others. Considering another career but needs healthcare.
- **Maheed:** None of these issues are new. They have been going on for years.
- **Azaden:** Doesn't represent anyone but no one speaks for a card holder. Healthcare isn't bad, not sure why more people are speaking for it.
- **Mary McGuire:** The price for the plan can increase over the years becoming to costly.
- **Chuffa:** Commission should provide the insurance and do it fast.
- **John Lazar:** Everyone should have insurance.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like to go over the Resolution section by section.
- **Com Benjamin:** Eligibility, ie 800 hours please clarify.
- **Com Oneto:** 200/ quarter
- **Pres Gillespie:** Funding

- **Com Oneto:** To ensure fairness and equality, the healthcare committee voted on using percentages since there aren't a known number of drivers. Another way to do this avoiding a lawsuit would be to set the monthly medallion pay-out fees. The extra money would go into an account to pay for healthcare.
- **Com Benjamin:** What about the 25c plan, it could fund healthcare without impacting medallion holders.
- **Com Oka:** Can the Dept of Health give more money to help fund the program?
- **City Attorney:** Any monetary value set would be done through the Board of Supervisors not by the Dept of Health.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Drivers give a lot to the City and it should help pay for healthcare. Anyone recommending a change? Next sections, financial set-offs, account for how people will pay for their share. I would like to suggest a $5 fee / gate shift not controversial. But rather than a 50c increase on the flag-drop, reduce the drop to $3.00 and change mileage from 45c 1/5th mile to 40c 1/6th per mile and 40c per minute per wait time motion to make change.
- **Com Heinicke:** Opposes any fare increase. How will the increase affect the passengers? This is not tied to service, and service needs to be addressed, although not against health insurance. Inclined to remove this entire provision; gate and fare increase.
- **Com Oka:** If we take out that provision would that effect the Resolution?
- **Com Oneto:** Seconds amendment
- **Dir Machen:** Reduce flag to $3.00 from $3.10 and change mileage from 45c 1/5th mile to 40c 1/6th per mile and 40c per minute per wait time.
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Hienicke, Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Motions to remove the entire financial set-off section
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd Motion
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Benjamin, Heinicke NOES: Gillespie, Paek, Oka, Oneto

ABSENT: Breslin **RECUSED: 0**

- **Pres Gillespie:** Reviews administration overview, requests Director Machen's to review
- **Dir Machen:** Administration overview.
- **Com Heinicke:** The healthcare plan report should first be reviewed by the City Attorney before being heard by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Com Heinicke:** We should memorialize the language that we advise the Board to review the plan before considering it.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Asked if the Commissioners had any questions and asks Director Machen to read the resolve clauses and asks if there any questions.
- **Com Heinicke:** Yes, would like to amend "adopts" to "forwards".
- **Com Paek:** Would like the Commissioners to uphold standards. Respects health committee's report and wants it to be approved.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to change "adopt" to "forward"
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Heinicke **NOES: Gillespie, Paek, Oka, Oneto**

ABSENT: Breslin **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Motions to change "all necessary" to "practical"
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Heinicke, Oneto **NOES: Paek, Oka**

ABSENT: Breslin **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Should we add the medallion holders' association plan to the resolution and explain why we rejected it?
- **Com Oneto:** Doesn't feel that should be added since there isn't anyone that can discuss it being rejected.
- **Com Gillespie:** Could we say that we looked at the Arbis plan but rejected it?

- **Com Paek:** Why weren't they more involved before? They shouldn't be added since they were involved last minute in the process of the subcommittee.
- **City Attorney:** Can include relevant excerpts from the subcommittees record with the health plan to the Board, and those who want to argue for the plan can do so at the Boards meeting.
- **Dir Machen:** Add from the health care report a clause that the Aarbis plan was taken into consideration but rejected by the subcommittee.

AYES: Gillespie, Heinicke, Oka, Oneto NOES: Benjamin, Paek

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: 0

- **Com Paek:** Motion to pass Resolution as amended and with the cover letter
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Heinicke, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: Benjamin

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: 0

4. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends severing C1, C3, C5 & D1 & D3

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Memo regarding admonishments of medallion applicants unfair, and wants consent calendar to be first item on agenda.
- **Corey Lamb:** Consent calendar should be first
- **Peter Witt:** Consent items should be first.
- **Roll Call:** Voice vote; unanimously passes
- **Com Heinicke:** Apologies for holding back the color scheme changes, really wants to work on dispatch service. Motion to approve item C1
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Heinicke, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: None

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion on C 5
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Heinicke, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: None

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: Benjamin, Gillespie,

- **Com Oka:** Motion on D 3
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie,Heinicke, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: None

ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: Benjamin

5. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Update
- **Sergeant Reynolds:** Robbery of 2 cabs; same area. Cameras failed in both cabs.
- **Com Heinicke:** Wants an explanation from Worldwide and Yellow as to why the cameras were not working properly.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** No leads at this time, but investigating.

Public Comment:

- **PeterWitt:** Need a taxi cab stand at 18th & Castro; and ball park.
- **Name:** Some drivers disconnect the wires from the camera, not sure why.

6. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).

- **Aaron King:** Needs more time for admonishment

- **Carl McMurdo:** What's the policy for a medallion holder driving their own medallion?
- **Cezano:** Why audit if you don't follow your own policy?
- **Charles Rathborn:** Sgt Simpson says we can drive other medallions if our cab is out of service.
- **Mary McQuire:** Georgette Welsch; her children were given her medallion, should not have been.
- **Barry Taranto:** Public Comment should be first. Gas price increase, 25c doesn't cover. Expanded cab stand @ ball park. Get DPT to ticket.
- **Abdel Al-Mohtaseb:** KRON 4 should watch the news show; interviewed officers etc regarding the industry.
- **Peter Witt:** Doesn't agree with the addition of new medallions. Service hasn't gotten better. Dispatch will not improve in the sunset. Suggests higher meters for ramp cabs.
- **Mark Gruberg:** You are required to drive your own medallion per SF police code.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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10/07

April 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
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Room 400

10:50 a.m. nsf

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Medallion #s:	916
Duration of Campaign:	April 1, 2007 – April 30, 2007
Advertiser:	Think London

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1. Kye Rorie	**6402**	Luxor	Regular
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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

April 10, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

April 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Benjamin; Breslin; Heinicke; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Gillespie; Paek

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Vice President Breslin called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

- **Com Breslin:** Would like to be excused from voting on the minutes, since I was not at the last meeting, but can vote on the rest of the consent calendar.
- **City Attorney:** Without VP's vote there isn't a quorum, continue item to next week.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesano:** Omission of minutes in the healthcare packet on page 31, want to include that the medallions holders object to the health care package presented.

- **Charles Rathbone:** Hopes taxi wrap 916 is approved by the Commission.
- **Jim Kennedy:** Believes that his letter should have been included in the minutes. Would also like waybills and contract back.
- **Com Breslin:** Minutes will be voted on next week.
- **Dir Machen:** Reads consent calendar.
- **Com Benjamin:** Questions George Lancia, medallion #846, claims that he isn't able to drive his own medallion.
- **George Lancia:** Medallion is never available. Union Cab always leases it out.
- **Com Breslin:** Asks Dir Machen to look into the issue. Asks to vote on B, C &D.
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion on B,C,& D
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

- **Roll Call on Consent Calendar items B,C & D**

  AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Heinicke, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Gillespie; Paek RECUSED: 0

3. Taxi Driver and Rider Bill of Rights; and Quality of Taxi Driver Service [DISCUSSION]

- **Com Breslin:** Thanks Jordanna Thigpen for all her help on this, and appreciates that she met with her during Jordanna's vacation.
- **Dir Machen:** Displays taxi stands map, and discusses DPT meeting.
- **Miguel Bustos, Mayor's Office:** Reads letter from Mayor
- **Com Breslin:** No decision to be made tonight, this is just discussion. Would like to agendize for a future meeing, to also include professional conduct, neighborhood accessibility, taxi zones, and call phones @ taxi stands.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Suggests adding the Bill of Rights to an automated message on taxi companies' telephones and to their websites, rather than in cabs.
- **Robert Cesano:** Commission should conduct a pilot program for cab sharing.
- **Marty Smith:** Cab sharing already exists. Sensitivity training and taxi stands at BART stations important.

- **Ron Fishman:** BART stands are never placed correctly, buses enormity cover stand and cabs cannot see passengers waiting and cannot get to them.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Bill of rights is important since there isn't labor representation. Drivers need to know rights.
- **Ruach Graffis:** UTW created the bill of rights, and apologize for only distributing tonight.
- **Barry Taranto:** Illegal limos and gypsy cabs should be included in the bill of rights. Material to be on website not in cabs.
- **Peter Witt:** Believes bill of rights are a good idea. Equal to bus stands and taxi stands.
- **Com Benjamin:** Drivers should be using fire hydrants to pick up and drop off it is legal.
- **Com Heinicke:** Mayor brought up the bill of rights at his State of the city. The bill of rights should not be used as a policy changing vehicle, but rather an informational material on the current policy and rights. This should be kept basic. Neighborhood service should not be included in the bill of rights. Cab dispatch also is not relevant in the bill of rights. Cab stands are great but not many in the outer districts.
- **Com Oka:** Passengers should be given a copy as they enter vehicles.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesano:** Mayor's representative left, shows Mayor doesn't care.
- **Ron Fishman:** City should have their own dispatch company.
- **Bob Vitcha:** Drivers should be allowed to use their cell phones for business, change language in the bill of rights to include that.
- **Chuffa:** Wishes there was a real bill of rights from drivers. Trying to improve dispatch won't make a difference.
- **Peter Witt:** Driver's should be surveyed
- **Com Benjamin:** Shouldn't allow anyone to eat or drink in the cabs.
- **Com Oka:** Eating would be important for those who are diabetic.
- **Com Breslin:** Awareness is important and not making the bill of rights a new policy document is very important. Let's agendize this for the next meeting.
- **Com Heinicke:** Agenda management is needed for all future meetings.

- **Com Oka:** Agrees, finds it hard to get a cab late and care provider has to come late to his home.

4. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Update
- **Com Breslin:** Overwhelming amount of passengers didn't get service by the T-line.
- **Com Heinicke:** MUNI service at ballpark should be non-stop.
- **Com Oka :** T-line is up and running, there will be direct connection, should refer to MUNI website.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesano:** 1095 photo contentious issue
- **Dir Machen:** Office is trying to digitize all driver files, since we don't have access to the Treasurer's databases.
- **Com Heinicke:** Doesn't find anything wrong with the photo taking.
- **Barry Taranto:** Feels the Commission should have a better working relationship with the Giants.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Business tax issue is a big deal, sent a letter to the Treasure's office on this issue.
- **Com Heinicke:** Wants Commission to look into this.
- **Corey Lamb:** Knew the photo would be an issue. Should send a letter to notify medallion holders of this standard.

5. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).

- **Barry Taranto:** Medallion holders should be concerned about leased drivers' quality of life standards.
- **Robert Cesano:** Schedule meetings to discuss taxi rules, stop sending admonishments.
- **Charles Rathbone:** The adoption of the change in the fare increase, without the

medallion holder's input, creates a loss of income to drivers.

- **Com Oneto:** How will this effect drivers?
- **Charles Rathbone:** When traffic is slow, 1/6 of a mile = 40c< 1/5 of a mile at 45c.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Spent a few weeks in NYC at labor convention, very informative.
- **Ron Fishman:** Shouldn't have to notify Commission when driving fulfillment is done.
- **Chuffa:** Believes the Commission gave ramp to someone behind him on the waiting list.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Commission request to handout taxi rules and gather signatures of pre-k medallion holders is going to be difficult with Friday deadline.
- **Com Machen:** Will be happy to provide extension, will send correspondence.

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. SFO Presentation Cashiering Program [INFORMATION]
3. 311 Presentation on Advertising [INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
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Ali Haydar Senoglu	Hussein Abbas Alshakarji	Soe Moe Aung
Amin A Ghani Suliman	Isael Ferraz	Sukhvinder Singh
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Basil Lau	Jude Chigozie Chukwuemeka	Tin Maung Wai
Benyam Abebe Tsige	Kieu Duong	Van Chester Hackett
Bruce Paul Blackman	Liem Thanh Vo	Vladimir Dyrma
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1. Daniel Huang	6-578

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

April 24, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

April 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Paek; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Heinicke

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Danelle Carey– Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney, Sgt Reynolds-Taxi Detail

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. SFO Presentation Cashiering Program. [INFORMATION]

Introduction of staff members: Alice Sgourakis

Vicky/Beth: The objective of the new automated taxi system (trip fee collection) is to replace the manual collection process with the smart card based collection system. The smart card has a computer chip inside and will hold monetary value. The AVI transponders/Readers will be used to verify CNG vehicles for incentives and the compliance system. The Taxi Staging lot is where the add value machines will be located to add fare to the smart cards. Customer service will be available on site (curb side assistance) as well as phone assistance through an 800 number. Taxi Driver training will be held from April 23-June 1st (36 classes per week).

Public Comment:

- **Pres Gillespie:** Will a person be able to look into the staging lot without the smart card?
- **Vicky:** We will be 100% into it so every driver will be required to have a card.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do you think that every driver needs training?
- **Vicky:** Yes, we received positive feedback and taxi training schools have also attended the class.
- **Com Benjamin:** Is there any way this system can be used to control limos?
- **Vicky:** They don't actually operate through this system.
- **Com Benjamin:** Is there some type of technology where limos can go thru the same gates so we can stop them from picking up fares?
- **Alice:** This is not for limos but police are aggressively enforcing the solicitation of limos.
- **Com Breslin:** What about the smart card replacements? Do these cards have a magnetic strip?
- **Vicky:** The life of the card is 10 years. The smart cards have a computer chip in them.
- **Com Breslin:** What will the data obtained from the computer show?
- **Vicky:** It can show how long drivers are in the staging lot.
- **Com Breslin:** I would like to see reporting features that are accessible to us. It should be a requirement that the schools hold this taxi training.
- **Robert Cesano:** I don't have enough time. I am appalled and feel that this is not acceptable.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Timer was not on, set for 3 minutes.
- **Barry Taranto:** I think that the system will be wonderful. Can people use someone else's card?
- **Bill Mounsey:** Can you use a credit card to put money on a smart card?
- **Vicky:** Credit cards are accepted. For power failure issues the devices have a UPS system and emergency generators at certain locations.
- **Carl:** This is the most expensive city. This proposal was designed to get rid of cashiers.

- **Thomas:** I hate this system, there is no privacy.
- **Vicky:** Our Trans link system will be available at BART stations as well as the regional transit.
- **Alec Kaplan:** There should be one cashier for driver's to get change from. Cards should have a $100 max.
- **Mark Grueburg:** People are going to lose the smart cards. Why can't the cabs be registered to the transponder?
- **Carol:** How long is the balance on the card good for?
- **Unknown:** This system was designed without input of the drivers. They just want to get rid of the cashiers.
- **Unknown:** This system can break and crack. The line will be too long when the system fails.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** SFO should go to the cab companies directly and have a presentation.

3. 311 Presentation on Advertising [INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

Tomas Lee: On March 29th, 2007 311 went public. 311 are available to the public 24 hours a day and serve's 145 languages. 311's public awareness campaign has a target audience that consists of city employees, SF residents and businesses. From June 1st, 2007-June 30, 2008, 75 units of ad space will be utilized for public awareness. Community outreach will also be an avenue used for 311's advertising strategy. San Francisco has approximately 15.7 million tourists and it's in our economic interest to provide good customer service to our visitors.

Public Comment:

- **Pres Gillespie:** To what extent are you asking the commission to do in the taxi industry?
- **Tomas Lee:** Wherever public awareness can be projected about 311.
- **Com Breslin:** Please elaborate on who you're in discussion with on our commission staff.
- **Dir Machen:** TXC is taking over lost property and 311 would be a good place to filter and track. For advertising we can incorporate the passenger bill of rights and 311.

- **Unknown:** The city has too much on its plate.
- **Mark:** 311 is a great idea. Maybe 311 can be incorporated with rate sheets.
- **Unknown:** Why aren't taxi drivers consulted first?
- **Com Breslin:** I would like to be apart of designing the content.
- **Tomas Lee:** 311 would be happy to work with you in the design.

4. Consideration of the consent calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends serving item B, D1&2; F, G1&2 and I
- **Pres Gillespie:** Agrees.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesana:** Why do we even have minutes? You don't put anything in the minutes.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Focus your comments on the consent calendar.
- **Barry Taranto:** on notice; yellow to regents (per settlement agreement?) Should pull this item for next mtg TXC was not involved in closed or open session regarding this settlement agreement.
- **Mary McGuire:** Need to have the dispatch hearing and further investigation on Welch (medallion 690).
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Item G2"To impeach is patriotic" does not have a place on a taxicab
- **Chuffa:** Received offer letter in 07/03, finished requirement 08/03 and memo stated no ramp available.
- **Alec Kaplan:** political speech regarding "To Impeach is Patriotic"
- **Pres Gillespie:** Terrible abuse of public comment focus on consent calendar.
- **Com Benjamin:** Don't care what Alec puts on his cab that's his business.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We will get to this topic in consent calendar order.
- **Ryan:** Congrats to Mark Gruburg. William O'Brian should be reinstated to the list
- **Pres Gillespie:** I have cards for Bill O'Brian or John Trapman
- **John Trautman:** I am with William O'Brian. After 14 yrs on the list and 25 yrs of

driving and he just lost the ltr he should be reinstated on the list. He provided 2 affidavits, was admitted to Kaiser on 12/24/06 for 40days. William O'Brian is ready to receive his medallion and work. Questions?

- **Pres Gillespie:** We will have questions once we get to you item on the consent calendar.
- **Thomas G Williams:** The statement on grasshopper cab is a city policy not private
- **Jim Gillespie:** Itm H; concerning taxi wraps. Door wraps don't cover the identity of the cab and will bring more opportunity because it is more affordable.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Any other comments? We can take the items on the consent calendar that have not be severed
- **Dir Machen:** That will be item A, C, D3
- **Pres Gillespie:** Com Oneto you had some questions about the D section why don't we raise those now
- **Com Oneto:** Is Mr. Amirehsani or Dashti present?
- **Mike Dashti:** Present
- **Com Oneto:** On all three of those apps that came from union cab they said that there was no radio service
- **Mike Dashti:** There is a clerk that sometimes answers the telephone, that's all.
- **Pres Gillespie:** There will be some information regarding this issue coming in a couple months.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Dir Machen we can sever D2. Motion on A, C, D3-6, E1 & H.
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Paek; Oneto; Oka

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: 0**

- **Dir Machen:** Line Item B, consideration of the minutes of the April 10th taxi commission minutes, I was hoping someone would make a motion to change the minutes to show that Com Paek was absent.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Both Com Paek and I were excused absences for that mtg as Com Heinicke is tonight
- **Dir Machen:** and also you two may recuse yourself or rather abstain
- **Pres Oka:** Move that correction through me
- **Com Breslin:** All in favor

AYES: Benjamin; Breslin; Oneto; Oka

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: Gillespie; Paek**

- **Dir Machen:** Line Itm D2, Yellow to Royal and this is for recusal
- **Pres Gillespie:** I need to recuse so Vice President Breslin
- **Com Breslin:** Motion to accept it
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin; Breslin; Oneto; Oka; Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: Gillespie**

- **Dir Machen:** Line Itm F, Consideration to Reinstate Applicant and Medallion waiting list number to the medallion waiting list for applicant William O'Brien. There is a staff memorandum enclosed in packet.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We've got some stuff here and I don't know if the entire commissioner got a copy. It's a problem when we get these the night of and try and figure out what relevance they have. In light we have to continue these things to review the documents. Is there a staff recommendation director machen?
- **Dir Machen:** Just a little confused. The story that they never received the offer letter. I'm referring to the affidavit signed by a notary Donna and William O'Brien. And yet there were discussion between staff and Mr. O'Brien between the Nov 14th letter and the eventual taxi commission sending an ltr stating we were going to remove his from the list. I'm confused why there was a conversation between Mr. O'Brien and commission staff if he did in fact never receive the offer letter.

- **Pres Gillespie:** You want to try and straighten this out?
- **John Trautman:** He was in the hospital for 40 days and could not respond to anything.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Does anyone have a problem continuing this? Without objection item F will be continued to our next meeting.
- **Dir Machen:** Item G1&G2 which is a two part question. One, determining whether bumper design "To impeach is Patriotic" is considered a wrap. Two, if it's not a wrap will the commission approve a taxi wrap decal logo. Alec Kaplan paid the advertising fee which is being held pending commission approval.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do we have the actual rule on the wrapping and altering taxis? Bumper stickers have been informally put on cabs and never brought forth.
- **Dir Machen:** This would differentiate from a bumper sticker it's apart of the design painted on the taxi.
- **Pres Gillespie:** I will bring you up to answer questions if you agree not to go on a political ramt. My question is do you intend on having this on for one month and take it off?
- **Alec Kaplan:** I have no intention on removing it unless you force me to in which case I will take it through the ACLU. Further, this is not advertising or a wrap it's my first amendment of freedom of speech.
- **Dir Machen:** the duration of the campaign will only apply if the commission will approve this as a wrap
- **Pres Gillespie:** Isn't there a rule about alteration.
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, Appearance has to come before the commission
- **Pres Gillespie:** And is the rule that we have used to justify taxi wraps in the past?
- **Com Benjamin:** In essence we are determining this is not a wrap it's a change of a paint job.
- **Pres Gillespie:** You want to make this overall part of your color scheme so it's not a one month wrap so I'm troubled with that level of disingenuous on your part. You have contradicted what you wanted to do with this
- **Alec Kaplan:** This has been on my cab for a few months until Steven Moss said you have to repaint this, this is a violation of the rules and regulations and I took it to the commission. This is a larger bumper sticker exercising such right, I would argue.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Based on the legal issues of this case I am going to continue this

case also. If there are no objections's we will continue this item. (Items G1&G2 continued)

- **Dir Machen:** The last item of consideration is Item I of the TXC to grant a taxicab or ramp taxicab medallion holder permit to applicant(s). (I1.) Kye Rorie, Luxor, this item came up before the commission in Dec. Mr. Rorie didn't get his paper work in time. He was on time waiver several months into this year. He could have got his driving requirement for 2007, but his driving requirement bumped up from 2 to 3 yrs. (I2.) Abdel Al-Mohtaseb, Royal, has an issue of falling hours short, 15 hours one yr and 26 another yr. Commission staff was unable to count 12 and 15 hour shift that he had driven. Commission staff has admonished him for driving more than 10 hours which he has signed. Recommendation to approve despite him falling short several hours.
- **Pres Gillespie:** I think the recommendations are within our power to grant these on a provisional basis.
- **Com Breslin:** I just want to know what type of time frame we will have.
- **Pres Gillespie:** 6 months
- **Dir Machen:** Mr. Rorie will need to turn in his way bills in Oct
- **Pres Gillespie:** We grant you Mr. Rorie 6 months to get your way bills in. Is there any other comment?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion on I1 & 2
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie; Paek ;Benjamin; Breslin; Oneto; Oka

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: 0**

5. Consideration of Clean Air policy for Taxis [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

Pres Gillespie: Were going to consider this item tonight but after some discussions amongst ourselves and with the Mayor's office and the staff we are going to continue this item. It was my instinct not vote on this item tonight but to put this resolution

out there.

Director Machen: This item was cont'd from the March 27th mtg. All clean, all green by 2011 (100%). The taxi fleet has become 15% clean over the last 10+ years. There is vehicle funding for 47 vehicles. Thanks to the Department of the Environment and San Francisco Airport for working with us on getting this funding. This resolution would do the following; Restrict all replacement vehicles after July 1st to hybrids and/or alternative fuel vehicles. Urges SFO to explore restrictions and reward to clean air vehicles. Urges the Board of Supervisors to create higher gate for clean air vehicles.

Public Comment:

- **Pres Gillespie:** Need replacements for the current vehicles. Can we get a list of clean air vehicles? We need more outreach to the companies.
- **Com Breslin:** Supports the goal of clean air but does not know the economic impact or the financing structure. We don't want to harm the industry to meet the goal.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Unaware of the comfort level of the companies?
- **Com Benjamin:** Companies need more time. If we delay this it will be a better proposition for everyone. That way everyone can get a better view of what's out there.
- **Pres Gillespie:** The resolution should be specific as to an appropriate gate fee.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** There is a pretty good incentive to buy the vehicles. We need to hold this off until we figure out a gate fee.
- **Jim Gillespie:** I'm not here to object; my concern has to do with the timeline. We would be purchasing 400-500 new vehicles and people are looking to get subsidies. There is only subsidy for 50 cabs. One year ago a meeting should have taken place to look at economic impact.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do you think going through gate is a viable way?
- **Jim Gillespie:** Adding health and the cost of alternative vehicles, how can we come to a gate? This needs to be thought out. We need to sit down and meet about going green and how to get there.
- **Pres Gillespie:** How will this alternative fuel impact the industry?
- **Jim Gillespie:** Looking at smaller qty's there is only a limited subsidy and if mandated it will affect yellow cab.
- **Robert Cesana:** Drove to Sac in CNG cab. No where can you purchase CNG

unless you have a propriety card. This is uncoordinated.

- **Doug Cameron:** Agree in decision to delay. Lots of emission benefits, cost issues etc.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Hope I haven't been too negative about CNG.
- **John James:** Attended alternative fuel vehicle in Anaheim. There are several different alt vehicles. Doesn't make sense for hybrids to go to the airport. 2011 is coming and we have to meet these goals.
- **Pres Gillespie:** How many vehicles are viable as taxis?
- **John Janes:** At present there are only 2 commercials (Escape/Crown Vic). The Escape is doing well downtown and Crown Vic is good for the airport.
- **Nathan:** Addressing incentive policy. Very upset at memo written by Heidi Machen, Yellow should not get all funding because it's the biggest company. The policy for incentives is questionable.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do Hybrids get better mileage than Crown Vics?
- **Nathan Dwiri:** Hybrids are not sturdy or secure. Have had some horrendous collisions in Crown Vics and people were able to walk away safely.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Mandate?
- **Nathan Dwiri:** Where would we fuel vehicles? Hybrids are not safe. Compressed are environmentally safer.
- **Chuffa:** If mandated by the city they have to cover the cost for the whole amount.
- **Mark Gruburg:** Green Cab 1st cab in service is a Toyota Prius which gets 40 miles to the gallon.
- **Pres Gillespie:** How much did the vehicle cost?
- **Mark Grueburg:** $25,000, Brand new.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Have you compared it to the other 2 hybrids?
- **Mark G:** Escapes are more expensive with lower gas mileage. Pruis is small but not as it's conceived to be.
- **Barry Taranto:** Don't want to bankrupt the industry by buying these vehicles. Clean energy vehicles you have to fill up twice a shift and they are not as fuel efficient. Need to look at CNG/Hybrids again.
- **Marty:** Son has a CNG vehicle and without propriety card you cannot get gas. Mechanics are limited to only 2 places. If city wants everything green they should pay for it.

- **Michael Spain:** If you want to see this industry transition quickly take the gate cap off of those vehicles. Camrys and Highlanders are the only appropriate cars. Escapes are not safe they are too light.
- **Thomas G Williams:** Excited for Green Cab putting only hybrids on the street.
- **Jane Bolig:** They need a forum for this. We hope to work cooperatively with the commission.
- **Pres Gillespie:** What would get a company to purchase these vehicles?
- **Jane Bolig:** Schedule of incentives, rewards for fuel efficiency.
- **Pres Gillespie:** A concern is less miles per gallon than regular gas vehicle.
- **Unknown:** In car accidents crown vics are very safe.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Hopefully in the next week we can have an mtg to come to a resolution. If the executive dir is ready to facilitate a meeting we can move forward.

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcement [INFORMATION]

- **Director Machen:** Update
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Update

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).

- **Richard Wieiver:** Would like to have 1095 picture waived
- **Carol O:** Serious safety issue with women due to the lack of limo enforcement.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Comfortable with the 1095 policy and the pictures are legitimate.
- **Robert J:** Commission is going in the wrong direction. Stop increasing fees.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Several drivers received admonishments. 10-20 cabs come in early and the driver is ready to drive but its not there medallion. Serving the public is a priority and penalizing the owners is penalizing the public.
- **Carl:** Public comment should be in the beginning of mtg. 1095 process needs to

be more flexible.

- **Tom Stanghellini:** Is there a way we can get an extension for Stephan Chans A-card?
- **Barry Taranto:** Public comment needs to be in the beginning. Gas prices are up
- **Mary McGuire:** City wide dispatch never had a bad customer. UTW legal fund, will there be a settlement to this issue?
- **Unknown:** 1095 accommodations for persons with medical conditions
- **Chuffa:** driving requirements
- **Thomas G Williams:** The drivers should be paid back from cab companies for being overcharged.
- **Tariq Momud:** Medallion holders driving there own cabs

8. Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Carey

Senior Clerk

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AMENDED
TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

8:15 a.m. usf

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Controller's Report on PC&N Findings [INFORMATION]
3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]
4. Audit Procedures and 1095 Filing [INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
5. Call for Members and Discussing Scope for Charter Reform Working Group [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).
8. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the April 24, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Ahmed Noman Alamari	Kav Tim Phou	Raymond Wai Ming Ng
Aleksandr Oleg Kisilenko	Kevin Lee Sollars	Salvatore Anthony Alioto
Awet Abraham Teklemariam	Kwame Washington	Stephen Michael Louisa
Chai Fatt Hooi	Layth Riad Al Hakim	Tesfai Berhe Asfaw
Dani Dorman	MD Saeed Hoque	Toan Phuoc Trinh
Gouda Bushra AliGouda	Muhammad I. Mughal	Troy G. Nicholson Sr.
James Dean Novato	Myint Than	Wilfred Huang
Kam Shing Luk	Nafis Muhammad Shaikh	William Yee Kyu

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to Reinstate Applicant Name and Medallion Waiting List Number to the PC&N Medallion Waiting List:

Applicant Name(s):	**List #:**
William O'Brien	6-440

D1. Determining whether bumper design is considered a taxi wrap.

D2. Consideration to alter color scheme or approve a taxi wrap decal logo for:

Color Scheme:	Grasshopper
Medallion #s:	9916, 9062
Duration of Campaign:	May 1, 2007 –June 1, 2007
Advertiser:	Owner : "To Impeach is Patriotic" – Phrase

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	**List #**
1. Willie M. Johnson	6-306

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for failure to respond after noticed attempt or for declining a **Ramp** Medallion per Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2):

Applicant Name(s):	**List #:**
1. Daniel Huang	6-578

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	**Medallion #:**	**Change:**
1. Wael Zaru	9011	Yellow to Desoto
2. Philip Henry Welch IV.	690	Yellow to Regents
3. Bradley Allen Newsham	914	Metro to Green Cab

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May 8, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the May 22, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Robert J. Westermeyer	680	Union to Fog City
2. Aboulghassem Khan Malmirchegini	9052	Union to Town Taxi
3. James A. Maddox	733	Metro to DeSoto Cab Co
4. Ras Desta	891	American to Yellow Cab Co-Op
5. Bader Saleh Erikat	1286	Union to Fog City
6. Amin Jamally	1235	Royal to Delta Cab
7. Michael Chang	982	Bay Cab to Delta Cab

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Alexander Perchanik	6-448	Black & White Checker	Regular

C. Consideration to Change Taxi Dispatch Service:

Color Scheme:	Change:
1. Gold Star Taxi	Regents to CityWide Dispatch

D1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme(s):

Color Scheme:	Luxor Cab Co
Medallion #s:	100, 107, 145, 232, 236, 297, 333, 435, 447, 464, 572, 715, 811, 823, 873, 876, 898, 934, 962, 969, 1018, 1025, 1041, 1046, 1051, 1066, 1109, 1142, 1148, 1214, 1217, 1223, 1251, 1263, 1269
Duration of Campaign:	1 Month
Advertiser:	Clear Channel Taxi Media
Campaign:	DHL

D2.

Color Scheme:	Yellow Cab Co-Op
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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

May 8, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

May 08, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Paek; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Heinicke

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Tamara Odisho– Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney, Sgt Reynolds-Taxi Detail

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Controller's Report on PC&N Findings

- **Linda (last name), Controller's Office:** Presentation of the Controller's PC&N Report
- **Com Breslin:** Wishes she received the report earlier, so she could've been better prepared with questions.
- **Todd Rydstrom, Controller's Office:** Is happy to further discuss any questions, but wanted to ensure the numbers are based on averages only and is informational.
- **President Gillespie:** Why hasn't the Controller recommended an increase in gate fees?

- **Todd Rydstrom:** The increase in the flag-drop should supplement the increase of taxis.
- **President Gillespie:** Did you include a fuel component?
- **Rydstrom:** Did not since this report does not address that issue, but rather the increase of medallions. The fuel issue was handled last year with a .25 increase.
- **Com Oneto:** I thought we are required to increase mileage and wait time consistently.
- **Rydstrom:** Not aware of that, and would need clarification on that to comment.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Wait time and mileage should increase directly. Illegal limos are the issue of why the industry is losing money, increases in drop are just going to make it difficult for customers.
- **Mike Spain:** Reporters are lazy, didn't do their research and reported on wrong information.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Formula increase rate/mile but not rate/hour. Not increasing gate is bad for companies.
- **Bill Mouwsey:** Shouldn't increase medallions until illegal limos issue is addressed.
- **Robert Cesano:** Commission should try to revamp system, try to coordinate day and night needs.
- **Name:** How did the Controller's report determine the number of airport fares? Where did the averages come from? Digesting reports last minute is difficult. Reports should be published days before the meeting.
- **Marty Smith:** No raise in meters, limos are a problem.
- **MarkGruberg:** Gates shouldn't increase nor should fees, health care is in the works and needs the funding.

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends severing Items C, D1, D2, E, G1 and G2
- **Pres Gillespie:** Commission agrees.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Severed item comments should be after the Commission discusses them.
- **John Lazar:** Willie Johnson had gangrene, should not be removed from the list.
- **Richard Hybels:** Confusions on why the Commission is approving color scheme changes for bad performing dispatch companies.
- **Items A, B & F**
- **Com Oneto: Motion**
- **Com Paek: 2nd Motion**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke RECUSED: 0

- **City Attorney:** Before voting on items D1& D2, would like to further discuss with the Commissioners
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continued D1 & D2, based on City Attorneys advice.
- **Dir Machen:** Item E; currently ramp medallion holder, and could've brought in waybills for years driven, but hasn't.
- **William Johnson:** Driver for 27 years, foot was amputated, waiting for prosthetic, will be able to drive.
- **Com Oka:** Have you applied for ADA?
- **William Johnson:** Yes, but was never given a time frame for the accommodation.
- **Dir Machen**: Is not currently under an ADA accommodation
- **John Lazar:** Worked with Sgt Simpson on this case.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continued, would like to accommodate, but needs to better understand the situation. Requests forms and documents from doctors.
- **Item G1**
- **Com Oneto: Motion**
- **Com Oka: 2nd Motion**

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: Gillespie**

- **Item G 2**
- **Com Benjamin: Motion**
- **Com Oka: 2nd Motion**

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto **NOES: 0**

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: Gillespie**

- **Item G 3**
- **Com Benjamin: Motion**
- **Com Oka: 2nd Motion**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto **NOES: 0**

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: 0**

4. Audit Procedures and 1095 Filing

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Presentation of Audit and attachments
- **Pres Gillespie:** Thanks staff for hard work. States this report is only an overview, no action will be taken by Commissioners tonight.

Public Comment:

- **Jim Gillespie:** Believes companies and commission should meet to discuss all these issues at hand.
- **Marty Smith:** Long term leases are more affordable in the long run.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Protests inclusion of all these items under one heading.
- **Robert Cesano:** Shift changing on the lot takes longer and not worth it.
- **Barry Taranto:** Staff put a lot of work into this. Each item should be dealt with

separately.

- **Rich Hybels:** Never heard of anyone, except for last year, of being hurt because of off lot shift change
- **Rich Weiner:** Don't fix things that aren't broken.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Due process is needed for disciplinary hearings.
- **David Pilpel:** Make clear what a 1095 is for the public. Ensure 10 days for rule changes.
- **Dan Hinds:** Long term leasing and gat & gate are different, long terms role is important since drivers care for their cabs more so then gas and gate.
- **Mary McGuire:** Doesn't agree with removing the checks and balances of the appeals process
- **Anne McVeigh:** Leasing works well, changing cabs at the house is safer then at the lots.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Companies should have controlled access of the lots to make it safer for shift changing.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Long term leasing should be addressed as soon as possible.
- **Mike Spain:** 10% should be the most medallion holders have to drive
- **Nathan Dwiri:** Problems with driving "your own medallion" is that some medallior holders tell dispatch they are coming in and don't. Leaves at any one time 60 cabs in the lot.
- **Tony Fletcher:** Protect the innocent, at any cost. Don't use them to make a point.
- **John Lazar:** Commission should sit down with all the companies to discuss these issues.
- **Com Breslin:** Good idea, commission should create a subcommittee.

5. Call for Members and Discussing Scope for Charter Reform Working Group

- **Pres Gillespie:** Doesn't want to rush this process. 2008 is an election year, and the Commission should take that much time to address all the issues. Health care was even short period of time.

Public Comment:

- **Anne McVeigh:** Removal of board of appeals not a good idea.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Hopes the process is slow, there's a lot to deal with.
- **Steve Reimers:** Lots needs to be done
- **DavidPipel:** Board of Appeals isn't an all or nothing deal bc the Commission's plate is full.
- **Dan Hinds:** Addressing Prop K is an important issue.
- **John Lazar:** Nominates himself or Tom Stanghellini for the working group.
- **Nathan Dwiri:** Volunteering for the working group
- **Robert Cesano:** Need help from the voters in 2008 for change. ADA should also have a policy
- **Thomas George Williams:** Work force has no labor rights, needs a voice. Volunteers for group.
- **Mike Spain:** Hopes commissioners participate in the working group. Reform is important and not sure how to override the board of appeals.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Committee should consist of a large group.
- **Com Oka :** Larger the group the more difficult the decision making process.
- **Com Breslin:** Mayor's 1998 task force, over 27 people and it went and made time goal.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Group should have 11 people and open to the public to attend.
- **Carl McMurdo:** nominated Mike Spain or Charles Rathbone for the working group.
- **Name:** Recommends Willie Brown as one of the group members

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements

- **Director Machen:** Overview of staff report.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** No report due to loss of staff person. Small update

Public Comment:

- **Steve Reimers:** Happy to hear taxi detail is on the streets and patrolling limos
- **Robert Cesano:** Commission should relieve taxi detail of property loss responsibility.

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the

agenda).

- **Andrew Linden:** Pulled over for not having a card in view and officer was very hard on him. Told him there's a zero tolerance policy. Hopes policy is the same for limos.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** TXC faxed informational flyer regarding taxi schools, but yet, Taxi detail disciplines companies for being biased towards taxi schools.
- **Heidi Machen:** Information was only faxed because of delinquent A card holders are required to go back to taxi school and this particular school was giving a discount
- **Charles Rathbone:** Murder of taxi driver in sunset is due to lack of enforcement.
- **Bill Mouwsey:** Believes Heidi's doing a great job. Limos should have serious fines.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Murder of driver is because City lacks enforcement.
- **Mary McGuire:** Medallion #690 has phony worker's compensation.
- **Steve Reimers:** Gypsy cab owed money to people.

8. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Odisho

Executive Secretary

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Consideration of Final Findings for Public Convenience and Necessity to approve addition of 25 ramp and 25 regular medallion.

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]

4. Goldman School Report and Discussion on Taxi Dispatch [INFORMATION and DISCUSSION]

5. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application: Willie M. Johnson, List no. 6-306.

   a. Public comment on all matters pertaining to this agenda item.

   b. Possible vote to go into closed session. [ACTION]

   NOTE: The Commission will go into closed session if necessary to safeguard Mr. Johnson's right to medical privacy under the California Constitution and state and federal law. If there is testimony pertaining to Mr. Johnson's medical condition, review of his medical records, or discussion of his medical condition, the Commission will hear such matters in closed session. However, all matters not directly pertaining to his medical condition will be heard in open session; or if Mr. Johnson wishes to waive his medical privacy rights, all matters may be heard in open session.

   c. (If the Commission goes into closed session) Vote whether to disclose closed session discussions. S.F. Admin. Code §67.12(a). [ACTION]

5. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the May 8, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Abdul Satar Kasarnezhad	Eduardo Antonio Mendoza	John Norman C. Reyes	Parminder Nln
Abdulwahab Al Ismael	Elias Yaroub Saadan	Karim Moussaoui	Ralph Vincent Lunato
Abraham Habte	Flavio Jose Soares	Kevin Haw Yun Tan	Samir Zerbouh
Adam Khamphou	Greg DeMaestri	Long Thien Khuu	Sun Kim
Amanpreet Singh	Hailemariam Alemu	Manoel Messias DeSouza	Surjit Singh
Angel Laurence Morales	Howson Nguyen	Marcio Marques De Oliveira	Teo Vo
Artem Igorevich Golyatkin	Jacob Berdougo	Maryann Nishan Sweis	Timothy Fong
Asif Gulam Dastagir Shaik	James Espinoza II	Maung Aung Thet Nyunt	Tin Maung Maung
Aye Min Soe	James Marvin Powers	Million Mekonnen	Wei Dong Chen
Bashir Karim	Jashanpreet Singh Samra	Mojeeb Makbel Hussain Al Hakim	Yevgeniy Naumovich Bershteyn
Dikesh Maskey	Jeffrey Wah Ng	Nay Min Oo	
Dinesh Ghimire	Jesse Dexter Garnier	Oliver Bennett Roberts	

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Robert J. Westermeyer	680	Union to Fog City
2. Aboulghassem Khan Malmirchegini	9052	Union to Town Taxi
3. James A. Maddox	733	Metro to DeSoto Cab Co
4. Ras Desta	891	American to Yellow Cab Co-Op
5. Bader Saleh Erikat	1286	Union to Fog City
6. Amin Jamally	1235	Royal to Delta Cab
7. Michael Chang	982	Bay Cab to Delta Cab

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Alexander Perchanik	756	Black & White Checker	Regular

E. Consideration to Change Taxi Dispatch Service:

Color Scheme:	Change:
1. Gold Star Taxi	Regents Dispatch to CityWide Dispatch

F1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme(s):

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G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to Reinstate Applicant Name and Medallion Waiting List Number to the PC&N Medallion Waiting List:

Applicant Name(s):	**List #:**
William O'Brien	6-440

Continued from April 24, 2007

H 1. Determining whether bumper design is considered a taxi wrap. *Continued from April 24, 2007*

H2. Consideration to alter color scheme or approve a taxi wrap decal logo for:

Color Scheme:	Grasshopper
Medallion #s:	9916, 9062
Duration of Campaign:	May 1, 2007 –June 1, 2007
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1. Vincent J. Williams	6-450

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1. Pablo L. Gravador & Floro Giron Asuncion	Skywest Taxi	536 & 211
2. Saam Alaee Aryan, Mohamed Bathai & Firouz Ekdeloo Mahdavi	Six 2 Six Taxi	9037, 1157 & 419

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MINUTES

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Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Paek; Oneto; Oka; Heinicke

Absent: None

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Danelle Carey– Taxi Commission, Paul Zarefsky– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Consideration of Final Findings for Public Convenience and Necessity to approve addition of 25 ramps and 25 regular medallions.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Controllers report stated the hardship on cabs; Wants update on screening of candidates for ramp medallions.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Commissioner Oka and myself will be apart of the screening process.
- **Marty Smith:** Should put additional medallions.

- **Robert Cesana:** No decision made about the size of the cabs; need standard size
- **Bill Mounsey:** Only have one officer and we need at least four. How can one officer enforce?
- **Com Heinicke:** I agree about the enforcement issue. We need to also address the issue of demand and availability. Peak time approach is going to be considered during the issuance of medallions.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion on adopting resolution.
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends severing Items C4, G, H1 & H2
- **Pres Gillespie:** Commission agrees.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Most commissions allow the public to sever items. There was something written in the minutes that I did not say and it totally took me out of context.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Take this time during public comment to correct the minutes.
- **Barry Taranto:** Minutes too brief. Past minutes didn't reflect Welch medallions. Item C1, Who's providing workers compensation for Fog City? They have a blank certificate, Is it State Fund or Dimitri?
- **Dir Machen:** Need to sever Item C5 as well.
- **Barry Taranto:** Item C2, 9052 Union to Town. Town has no ramp vehicles. Color Scheme change should be postponed because ramp 9052 was out of service all last year.

- **Charles Rathbone:** Item D, documents posted on the internet not redacted
- **Robert Cesana:** Congratulates Alexander on receiving a medallion.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Severed Items C1 & C5.
- **Com Heinicke:** Is there some rule stating that we have to have minutes?
- **Paul Zarefsky, City Attorney:** 67.16 of the Sunshine Ordinance basic requirements are to have minutes.
- **Com Heinicke:** Agrees with Barry. We should go with more summarized minutes.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Agrees that minutes don't always reflect.
- **Com Heinicke:** Executive Director, if you feel on a staff matter that you can conserve resources by doing something along the lines of what I've discussed I will happily entertain that proposal.
- **Com Breslin:** Motions and voting need to appear in the minutes. I would like to see what item is spoken on.
- **DirMachen:** I appreciate the comments, I have directed staff to produce minimal minutes.
- **Paul Zarefsky:** Requirement in the sunshine ordinance that the minutes do include a "brief summary"
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion to approve all the items on the consent calendar that have not been severed.
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** We will take the severed items. Did you understand the question Director Machen and have an answer about the question that was raised about the workers compensation policies?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, Mr. Taranto raised the question of why two documents were produced from Fog City one from Dimitri Insurance saying they can provide workers comp and liability and State Fund which can be answered by a fog city

representative who I believe is in the audience tonight.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Anyone here that can represent Fog City?
- **Robert Westermyer:** I don't know about the blanket coverage. I plan on getting workers compensation.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Are we requiring them provide workers compensation within a certain time?
- **Dir Machen:** We have required that they bring proof of workers compensation which has traditionally been included in the packets and recommends color scheme transfer at this time.
- **Pres Gillespie:** I will approve with stipulations of a 2 week period to provide workers compensation.
- **Com Heinicke:** I see several transfers and have a concern about a decrease in dispatch quality and standards.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Union cab is where these people are leaving
- **Pres Gillespie:** Motion to approve items C1 & C5 with stipulations.
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke, Gillespie
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Item C4**
- **Com Breslin:** Motion to approve item C4
- **Com Paek:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: Gillespie

- **Dir Machen:** Item G, Consideration of the TXC to reinstate William O'Brien to the

Medallion waiting list.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Remove O'Brien from the waiting list but willing to offer the same accommodation that was given to Kazinsky?
- **Dir Machen:** The Commission would place him back on the list.
- **Com Heinicke:** Where would he be placed? Original place? Would this be a more generous accommodation that Kazinsky's?
- **Dir Machen:** If you decided to put him back on the list staff could consider an ADA accommodation. It would be a greater break between driving than Kazinsky requested.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Are you driving? Your own car?
- **William O'Brien:** I will start driving next month.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Is driving a taxi your intention?
- **Com Oka:** Are you physically able to drive?
- **William O'Brien:** Yes.
- **Com Breslin:** We want to put a medallion in the hands of someone who serves the industry.
- **Pres Gillespie:** With provisions that he complete the driving requirement in the future.
- **Com Heinicke:** We need to follow the rules as we have them. I'm not inclined to grant the request.
- **Com Breslin:** Motion to reinstate
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion
- **Dir Machen:** Roll Call on Item G

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto
NOES: Heinicke

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Dir Machen:** Item H1 & H2, Items continued twice at the Commission. Grasshopper Taxi "To Impeach is Patriotic." Look into a broader policy as to such paintings.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Feedback on the this item from Zarefsky
- **Zarefsky:** Available if commission has a specific question.
- **Pres Gillespie:** How do we treat such alteration? Is this a permanent alteration to the color scheme?
- **Zarefsky:** Commission does not have adequate regulations. The commission will be well served if Director was encouraged to create regulations for this. This is not a traditional wrap or bumper sticker because it has a message. There is a history of refusals due to safety issues.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Bumper stickers never came to the Commission for approval.
- **Dir Machen:** Alec Kaplan was told by someone in the cab community that this has to come before the commission. My staff received monies for a wrap. Kaplan has other cab drivers saying he's not a real cab due to the message. I don't know how the Commission can protect him.
- **Zarefsky:** Rule 5C6 states no signs or other devices must be hung outside a taxi vehicle unless required by law or approved by the commission.
- **Com Paek:** I think it's a great conceptual art piece. However, we have a responsibility to have a certain rule or non standard. I cannot say yes to this item. Can staff look into what images are allowed on the interiors and exteriors of the taxis?
- **Com Oka:** Since we do not have a clear definition of what is and is not allowed we should come up with policy guidelines for the future.
- **Com Benjamin:** This was put on the vehicle prior to bringing this forward to the commission, I say get rid of it and apply for what you want it to be.
- **Com Breslin:** This is not a wrap and not a matter of free speech. I could not vote to approve this tonight.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Are we voting on whether this is not a taxi wrap?
- **Dir Machen:** Item H1 is to decide whether this is a wrap. Item H2 is whether to approve as a wrap or as a modification.
- **Com Heinicke:** This discussion should be devoid of this message and an added issue is safety. We need to defer this item and not approve this.
- **Dir Machen:** Items H1 & H2 are separate.
- **Com Paek:** Motion to deny Item H1
- **Com Oka:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Dir Machen:** Item H2, consideration to alter color scheme or approve as a taxi wrap.
- **Com Paek:** Motion to deny Item H2

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke
NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

4. Goldman School Report and Discussion on Taxi Dispatch [INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION]

Ginny Fang, Grad student of Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy: Gave a power point presentation on how to best improve dispatch reliability and response time.

Public Comment:

- **Com Heinicke:** Are you suggesting that surcharges be optional or mandatory?
- **Jenny Fang:** Mandatory.
- **Com Heinicke:** What was the basis of your findings?
- **Jenny Fang:** City analysis of the market done in 2003, 2004. Unsure of the dates
- **Robert Cesana:** Cell phones are a curse to the taxi industry. Could we have a discussion on service?
- **Mark Gruberg:** Surcharges will create an enormous hardship for people that can hardly pay for a cab.
- **Bill Mounsey:** I've never used a radio, usually drive around and pick people up. Central dispatch is the only answer for radio in San Francisco.
- **Barry Taranto:** Thanks to the Goldman School. GPS is a separate issue. You

have to create incentives.

- **Charles Rathbone:** Thanks to Goldman School. Do not consider centralized dispatch.
- **Marty Smith:** Thanks to Ginny Fang. Drivers have cells phones that preferred customers can call directly.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** We increased orders with GPS. I say no to centralized dispatch.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Thanks Ginny. I agree with market based incentives. Hire an outside expert next time.
- **Chuffa:** After being hired by Luxor I did not go to the airport or hotels and my income increased by 60%.
- **Tone Lu:** The fact is that we need an extra 300 cabs when we are busy and less during off peak.
- **Dan Hinds:** We should consider ourselves as apart of the transportation industry.
- **Robert Vitka:** We need other solutions such as peak time medallions.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Thanks Ginny, report has good information. I do not promote centralized dispatching.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Separate is never equal. Most companies aren't working during peak dispatch.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Called 311 for a cab and they helped, asked me which company I wanted 4 times and after not responding they transferred me to ABC Taxi.
- **Jane Bolig:** Goldman school proposed incentives. What are ways we can reward the drivers?
- **Tariq Mehmood-** There are enough cabs in San Francisco.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Thanks the Goldman School. States we need to do something about companies advertising dispatch but not providing the service.
- **Com Benjamin** agrees that dispatch services should be improved.
- **Com Oka c**ommends the Goldman School. States he would pay an extra $5.00 for better cab service.
- **Com Breslin** comments one word of caution, to not out price us so we are no longer competitive in the transportation industry.
- **Com Paek** states it's only the beginning and we have a long way to go, more

research and study is needed.

- **Com Heinicke** thanks Goldman school for the report. The number one issue is availability and the whole economy will be affected. There is no question that there aren't enough cabs during peak time.
- **Com Oneto** thanks for the report. States that the surcharge will not be that effective, it will take away from the tips.
- **Pres Gillespie** Possible closed session on Item 5, so we will skip to staff report and public comment.

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Gave staff report.
- **Com Heinicke:** A medallion was out in use for one year while medallion holder was dead? Who was paid?
- **Dir Machen:** Correct. Who was being paid is unknown.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Which company?
- **Dir Machen:** Yellow Cab.
- **Nate Dwiri:** Jeremey Higgins had direct deposit and I don't know who was receiving the money.
- **Com Heinicke:** It's not fair that the person on the top of list was waiting while someone collected rent.
- **Com Paek:** We need to develop a policy for Items H1 & H2
- **Com Breslin:** I would like to ask the status of the working groups. I would like to request a moratorium on revocations. We need a working group for regulations, how do we go about this?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Whether to schedule this sooner as an agenda item (driving your own cab)
- **Com Breslin:** Any hearings coming up on not driving your own cabs?
- **Dir Machen:** None known
- **Com Breslin:** Consider a moratorium.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Consider this sooner.
- **Com Breslin:** The urgency is to put this working group together.
- **Zarefsky:** Caution to the commission discussion on future agenda items.

- **Com Paek:** I would like to follow up on the hybrid discussion.
- **Pres Gillespie:** NY said that SF is a model for them. On June 12th we will have a real proposal.
- **Com Oka:** Tomorrow is the regular scheduled paratransit meeting from 10:30am-4:30pm at 711 Eddy Street for those who wish to attend.

Public Comment:

- **Nate:** After two years we got compressed natural gas.
- **Robert Cesano:** What's with the measure of you trying to control people? I will challenge this at the Human Rights Commission.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Persons have been threatened for not complying with the Taxi Commission.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Admonishments are not the first step in a revocation.
- **Com Breslin:** I understand the regulation of driving requirement was made separate and apart from this.
- **Pres Gillespie:** This is not a discussion of policy.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Medallion holders are told to come in and sign admonishments for not driving their own cabs. I'm asking for you to put the brakes on this until a working group is formed.
- **Com Breslin:** To me this is an administrative issue. This new interpretation is something that we have not discussed at the commission level.
- **Zarefsky:** I urge commission not to engage in on extended issues and focus on commission announcements.
- **Com Breslin:** I would like this to be agendized. People are being harmed with this.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Com Breslin would you like a memo from the Executive Director about how many cases are out there?
- **Com Breslin:** No.
- **Unknown:** I have tried continuously to get a hold of David Holvoet to sign his 1095. He is alive.
- **Barry Taranto:** I have a problem with the guy collecting the dead medallion holder's monies.
- **Unknown:** Driving your own medallion rule. Yellow is moving into a long-term

lease.

- **Tariq Mehmood:** Driving any cab available can service the public.
- **Mary McGuire:** Admonishments go on your record. An admonishment for driving too many hours is wrong. The people that actually drive are being punished.
- **Corey Lam:** Taxi Detail should handle the enforcement and TXC should handle the administrative duties.

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Tariq Mehmood:** On July 1st Yellow cab is converting to a long term lease.
- **Bill Mounsey:** I have been a driver for 16 years and over #500 on the medallion list. Rules should not be bent for anyone.
- **Tone Lu:** Everything revolves around prop-k
- **Robert Cesana:** Admonishments and revocations I don't understand. Many people got threats of $250 daily fines on a policy that has not been decided on.
- **Jim Gillespie:** I had an experience at the airport with limos. I flew into the United terminal and had to take a cab back to yellow to pick up my car and a limo solicited to me as a taxi.
- **Pres Gillespie:** It's a disgrace and a lack of enforcement.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Sgt. Simpson stated " If the taxis not available your shift still counts"
- **Barry Taranto:** You hand down rules and regulations and hire staff to enforce them. Allow the staff to enforce the rules. I ask that there be not meeting on July 10th so everyone can service the all star game.
- **Mary McGuire:** The settlement of Georgette Welch going to green cab, please review this. When I voted on the policy for fines and admonishments the intentions were not bad.
- **Adam M.:** Should we sell the medallions like a business so they can pay for the centralized dispatch to provide better service.
- **Corey Lam:** Sgt Reynolds made it clear that the PUC are over the limos. We need to start working groups so they can examine all issues that affect the industry.
- **Unknown:** We need to freeze the long term lease issues and look into this. The two largest companies are trying to eliminate gas and gate.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Yellow cab is going into long-term leasing and this will change the

face of the industry.

- **Tom Stanghellini:** This is America. Let the market determine the winner and the loser, its capitalism.

5. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application: Willie M. Johnson, List no. 6-306.

- **Dir Machen:** Presentation of Audit and attachments
- **Pres Gillespie:** The question is whether we go into closed session?
- **Dir Machen:** If you look under the agenda line item 5 line item a, it would depend whether the commission had specific questions regarding Mr. Johnson's medical condition.
- **PresGillespie:** There are questions that I have on this permit of a medical nature, that would be appropriate for a closed session.
- **Dir Machen:** Again, you can ask Mr. Johnson if he wishes to waive his rights.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Mr. Johnson will you please come up. Is it your desire to have us discuss medical conditions in a closed session?
- **Willie M Johnson:** I have nothing to hide and I will waive my rights.
- **Pres Gillespie:** You have nothing to hide so you are willing to discuss this in public?
- **Com Heinicke:** You understand that there will be no adverse affect.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do you have a summary of the case Director Machen?
- **Dir Machen:** Gave summary of item 5
- **Pres Gillespie:** Mr. Johnson do you have anything to say about this audit?
- **Willie M Johnson:** Yes, I don't understand that I haven't applied or put in an application.
- **Zarefsky**: If during the public hearing there is discussion of medical issues and Mr. Johnson should change his mind and want to go into close session, say that.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Our staff has conducted an audit that shows you have not driven for six years.
- **Dir Machen:** Going on seven years.
- **Willie M Johnson:** I believe they are correct about 6, I did drive a little in 05, and

I did drive in 2002 and 2003. Commissioners these records are wrong, I have always filed ADA, the last gentleman I talked to in the commissioner's office was a Mr. Bettencourt he told me he had all my records.

- **Pres Gillespie**: According to the info that I've been given you have been given a third and final accommodation applied retroactively to the year 2006. According to our commission policies you have exhausted the maximum ADA accommodation allowed under our rules.
- **Willie M Johnson:** I never got a letter about that.
- **PresGillespie:** Director Machen for those commissioners that weren't on the commission in Feb. 2006 you've attached a copy of the resolution clarifying the limitations to variations from the 1978 prop k driving requirements. Can you just review for us how Mr. Johnson's case refers to that resolution?
- **DirMachen:** Reads March 8,2006 Resolution.
- **Pres Gillespie:** So from our point of view he has received and reached the limit for the amount of accommodations he can receive?
- **Dir Machen:** That is correct.
- **Com Breslin:** To me the three year cap would apply on a forward going basis from 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Mr. Mays are you in a recoverable situation with intention to go back to driving the taxi when you're physically able to?
- **Willie M Johnson:** Yes sir.
- **Com Oka:** Is there anybody at Luxor Cab that can verify you have driven more than our records show?
- **Willie M Johnson:** I guess dispatchers at the window? I'm trying to think.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Commissioner Oka, he has stipulated that he has not driven full time in recent years.
- **Com Paek:** Director Machen, is this information we got before the meeting something that Mr. Johnson submitted to us or is this something according to our own audit.
- **Dir Machen:** We went to Luxor and requested the waybills from Tom Stanghelli who provided Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen with the documents you see me holding in my hands. These represent all the way bills available from 2000-2007.
- **Com Paek:** If you all recall, Mr. Johnson, I specifically asked you to bring in any way bills.
- **Willie M Johnson:** I just need two weeks now that I clearly know that I need to

bring this in.

- **Com Oneto:** You said you didn't work 2006, 2005 or 2004. Now my question to you is, we have records that state that you asked for an ADA accommodation for the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 why would you need that accommodation if you were working full time in 2000, 2002 and 2003?
- **Willie M Johnson:** In the early years 2002-2003 if I recall I wasn't putting in enough hours of work.
- **Com Oneto:** Do you understand that you are required to work 800 hours in a year to be covered?
- **Willie M Johnson:** Yes.
- **Pres Gillespie:** To my understanding we have copies of everything you have done.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** We have files missing from when they were picked up by the detail from 2005.
- **Pres Gillespie:** You are not claiming that you met the fulltime requirement for the last 3 years are you?
- **Willie M Johnson:** No I'm not.
- **Pres Gillespie:** TXC has ADA accommodations and the laws of the city. Do we remove you from the waiting list and preclude any possibility of you getting a regular medallion in the future because you haven't filled out your application properly and you have fulfilled driving requirement the last few years? Or do we adopt some kind of policy that we will visit this issue in a year and reconsider it then based on your medical condition at that time?
- **Com Oka:** Strictly based on what we have there's not enough there to keep you on the waiting list.
- **Pres Gillespie:** You're not going to miraculously come up with some missing waybills; you stipulated that you not have driven the last 3 years full time to meet the driving requirements.
- **Willie M Johnson:** No I haven't, I've been ill sir.
- **Com Heinicke:** The simple fact is you haven't been driving for several years. With that fact under our rules the staff is saying you should be removed from the list.
- **Com Oka:** Do we have that latitude?
- **Pres Gillespie:** What we passed last March in was for persons that would never be able to drive again.

- **Zarefsky:** Commission has some leeway on how to interpret this. This was adopted March 8, 2006 so I would caution against an interpretation that would be inconsistent with the way you've interpreted before. You may run into problems with those who have been processed under this resolution.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Reconsider in terms of reversing prior decisions or simply putting it on hold for a period of time and reconsidering it in a year.
- **Zarefsky:** No, reconsider the resolution which is currently your governing law for these sorts of situations.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Suppose that was our choice to amend the resolution what would be the status in this case?
- **Zarefsky:** If you are inclined to do that what would make sense logically to me if you have a policy on the books and you have a case that suggests the policy is not right, you can continue the case and reconsider the policy and go from there. I'm not advocating that.
- **Com Heinicke:** I agree, I think we have a policy that's rather clear. If what you're suggesting is this case prompts us to re-look at the policy we can continue this case to look at the policy.
- **Com Oka:** I hope that we don't keep making exceptions to the policies we make.
- **Pres Gillespie:** So sorting through all this we can vote tonight to remove him from the waiting list or vote tonight pending a review of the existing resolution and how it will apply to people in his situation.
- **Com Breslin:** The reason I voted no originally on this resolution was because I felt that it didn't give enough latitude if someone is ill for a prolonged period of time. With that said, I would agree to rework this. How will the decision we make tonight affect his current ramp permit?
- **Dir Machen:** There isn't anything tonight that would effect him from continuing to hold his ramp medallion
- **Com Breslin:** Will our decision have some repercussion in the decision making in his current ramp permit.

Public Comment

- **Unknown:** He's being put through this bureaucratic hassle at one of the most difficult times in his life.
- **Robert Cesana:** You have no qualifications to make a medical judgment.
- **Bill Mounsey:** You have to abide by these rules.

- **Carl Macmurdo:** I think you need to revisit this; it's not a policy that's in accordance to the law.
- **Corey Lamb:** Medically you should have another conversation. I don't think he understood what was being said to him.
- **David Pillpel:** Based on the public interest given the policy the commission gave I don't think you have any option but to remove him from the regular waiting list.
- **Mary McGuire:** Agrees with Commissioner Breslin. I really urge you to revisit this issue because you're going to have more of these cases.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Somebody that didn't drive this many years should be removed from the list.
- **Zarefsky:** Public comment obviously belongs to the speaker's who makes them.
- **Com Benjamin:** Commissioner Breslin brought up that this resolution was passed in March 2006 are we to look at this as a time period situation from that moment on as to what his records reflect?
- **Zarefsky:** It would seem to me if you were riding on clean slate it's up to you to interpret whether it's prospective or whether it includes years prior to March 2006.
- **Dir Machen:** In terms of removing people's names from the list you have never faced an ADA removal.
- **Pres Gillespie:** If we were to remove this person from the list we would be saying it was retroactive.
- **Com Benjamin:** What is the chance's of him being able to get a medallion if we keep him on the list?
- **Pres Gillespie:** He couldn't be given credit for prior years that he didn't drive.
- **Com Breslin:** If we feel that this is a prospective resolution here and its going forward you never know what the working groups may develop in the next couple of years.
- **ComOneto:** I think the real date we are dealing with is in November 2003. So that one year applied to those 3 years does not qualify.
- **Com Heinicke:** I think we are back to the question of do we want to continue this or do we want to take him off the list or not?
- **Pres Gillespie:** My personal is to continue this pending further policy discussion.
- **Com Heinicke:** Can we have that as a motion?
- **Pres Gillespie:** I'll make that as a motion.

- **Com Oka:** I'll move it.
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Oneto, Oka, Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie NOES: Paek, Heinicke

ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

8. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Carey

Senior Assistant

Taxicab Commission

June 12, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

2:10 p.m. msf
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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Consideration of Clean Air policy for Taxis [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]
4. Organization of Charter Reform Working Group: Creating a Selection Panel [DISCUSSION AND ACTION]
5. Disciplinary Hearing for Revocation of Color Scheme Permit for Union Cab Company for violation of Taxicab/Ramped Taxicab Rules and Regulations 5.A.1, 5.A.3, 5.A.4, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.6, 5.H.9, 5.H.15, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.2, 5.I.3, 5.K.3., 5.C.2, 5.C.3, 5.C.5, 5.E.1.c, and MPC§1140(a), §1123(a), §1135.1(b)(ii), §1147.4, §1148.6(b), and §1187.1. [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
7. Removal of Tu Lam and John Nguyen from the Union Cab Company color scheme permit at Mr. Lam and Mr. Nguyen's request [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda).
9. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the May 22, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Ali Yaqin Abdalrahman	Darrin Trenton Brown	Mike Guan	Seid Seidov
Andrew Laurence Boyle	Darryl Guy Agurs	Mohammad Ibrahim Naz	Shahzad Kahlon
Angela Lyman	Dawite Debela Wondmu	Mohammed Marc Zaroual	Sukhmander Singh
Aziz Ahmed William Rohela	Deeq Mursal	Omokahai Benjamin Igtekhume	Surafel Asfaw Mengesha
Beverly Vivian Moy	Ephrem Joseph	Ram B. Acharya	Tadesse Alemayehu Ali
Brian J. Williams	Eugene O. Akamien	Robert Johnson	Theodore Mark Marshall
Cairo Brasil Machado	Jemal A. Hassen	Ronald Zi Ning Chen	Thiago Campos Rocha
Charles Edward Flippo	Joao M. Souza Rosa	Samy S. Alyasiry	Varish Ismail Shaikh
Darbara Singh	Maxwell Myozaw	Sebsibe Desta Baraki	

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Thai Hoang Hong	1249	Union Cab to Fog City Cab
2. Yen Ngoc Le	1209	Union Cab to Fog City Cab
3. Leonard Charles Ribeiro	740	Royal Taxi to American Taxi
4. Majid Ghorbani	1287	Crown Cab to Royal Taxi
5. Amy Welch Chapman	684	Yellow Co-Op to Green Cab
6. Yale Feder	1202	Metro Cab to Green Cab

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Vincent J. Williams	6-450

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a NEW Color Scheme to:

Applicant Name:	New Company Name:	Medallion #(s):
1. Pablo L. Gravador & Floro Giron Asuncion	Skywest Taxi	536 & 211
2. Saam Alaee Aryan, Mohamed Bathai & Firouz Ekdeloo Mahdavi	Six 2 Six Taxi	9037, 1157 & 419

F. Consideration to Change Taxi Dispatch Service:

Color Scheme:	Change:
1. Union Cab	Union Dispatch to Black & White Checker Dispatch

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Abdel Sdaigui	6-787	Luxor Cab	Ramp

H. Consideration to Adopt the Executive Director's decision regarding recommendation from the Hearing Officer:

(a) Admonishment and fine for James Richard Gillespie, Medallion Number 987 in the amount of $1,680.00, for failure to drive under Municipal Police Code Section 1081(f). *

Note: On remand, the hearing officer recommended a fine of $1463.32

(b) Revoke Public Passenger Vehicle Permit, # 61311 held by Jacob Brettholz for violation of Taxicab/Ramped Taxicab Rules and Regulations 6.D.1.2 and 3.; 6.A.4 and 6.A.1.

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the June 26, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Azzam Rashad Ennazer	431	Yellow to Town Taxi
2. Wing Seek Tse	1128	Bay to Delta Cab
3. Michael Chong	1040	Town to DeSoto Cab
4. Kin C Ching	1009	Union to Delta Cab
5. Elizabeth Ann Bertran	103	Luxor Cab to Desoto Cab
6. Anthony Carl Scoma	104	Luxor Cab to DeSoto Cab
7. Stephen H. Saw	1289	Union Cab to Town Taxi

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:
1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Joseph Sierra	6-377
2. Dennis Lawson	6-453
3. Bruce Fehling	6-456

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Paul Vickers Ridley	6-449	National Cab	Regular
2. Richard J. Leeds	6-455	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
3. Tom Sideris	6-452	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular

E. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Dat
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Request to calendar a service hearing regarding courtesy of drivers, cleanliness of cab, and quality of service. Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	April 25 & July 11, 2006 December 2006	April 10, 2007
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Would like a working group to be created to review ramp medallion applicants. Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Dispatch discussions	February 13, 2007	May 22, 2007
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.		
Further investigation of Union Cab - Eugene Shu	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background		

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

June 12, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

June 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Paek; Oneto; Oka; Heinicke

Absent: None

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Tamara Odisho– Taxi Commission, Thomas Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Consideration of Clean Air policy for Taxis

- **President Gillespie:** Thanks Mayor Newsom for his support and others for attending the press conference. Appreciates all input from the Department of Environment, clean air community and members of community. First resolution, which was omitted, was adoption of rule before adoption of policy. The currently drafted resolution will be a declaration of our policy. This will put the Commission at the forefront of the industry.

- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director-** Presentation of power point slide on Clean Air Policy

- **Com Heinicke:** Wants to understand the next steps of the policy; creating a working group to discuss which vehicles will be included under the policy.

Public Comments:

- **Steve Huff:** Has a Ford Escape, and is a great car, but doesn't think a Prius will hold up as a taxi
- **John Lazar:** Crown Victoria safe vehicles, hold up especially well during accidents.
- **Mike Spain:** Insurance costs will be higher for smaller vehicles. Should look into including crown Victoria especially since it can pick up wheel chairs.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Crown Victorias hold more people which means less people driving their own cars
- **Charles Rathbone:** Happy about this policy, although would like more choices.
- **Robert Cesano:** Incentives should be established to help purchase vehicles. Level playing field by allowing more Yellow Cabs to get a pass into SFO.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Keep options open
- **Steve Reimers:** Carbon credits important to keep in mind.
- **MarkGruberg:** Has 3 Prius' and 1 Civic vehicles has had no complaints.
- **Brian Rosen:** Has Ford Escape and saves money on gas over the year.
- **Barry Taranto:** Safety issue should be considered especially since it would be difficult to change after policy is adopted. A surcharge should also be included.
- **Name:** Overregulation of the industry
- **Name:** Two technical points; 1. diesel good option 2. as cars get smaller injuries decrease
- **Joe Mirable:** We should be able to meet all the goals
- **Marty Smith:** Global warming an issue, hybrids are the way to go.
- **J. Gerrling:** The process should be slow in adopting the policy
- **Grasshopper:** Wants his item to be agendized.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Ford will be introducing a Crown Victoria with a diesel engine
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Disabled community members use Crown Victorias when ramps are unavailable.

- **Dan Hinds:** Need incentives for this policy, Crown Victorias reliable vehicles.
- **Doug Cameron:** Thank you for looking into alternatives.
- **Com Heinicke:** Heard nothing about the gate increase, and no opposition to resolution. No mileage restrictions either.
- **Com Breslin:** Would like to include the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in last paragraph of resolution. Will Commission staff be sending letters to all medallion holders?
- **President Gillespie:** Agrees with the addition of MTA.
- **Dir Machen:** Will be sending letters to medallion holders via color scheme companies.
- **Com Oka:** Will ensure that seniors and members of disabled community are included.
- **Com Paek:** Eager to have the resolution adopted.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to adopt resolution
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

3. Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- **Dir Machen:** Remove items A, C 1, C 2, C 5 , E , F, G and H (a)
- **Com Paek:** Would like to make amendments to minutes from last meeting.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Staff to update calendar section

Public Comments:

- **Chuffa:** Item G, was skipped again on ramp medallion list
- **Richard Hybels:** 2 color scheme applications, no worker's compensation
- **Barry Taranto:** Severed items should be taken out of this public comment section.
- **Thomas Owen, City Attorney:** President can be subjective on the severed items

he chooses for public comment.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Barry you can speak on this item.
- **Barry Taranto:** Doesn't feel like one minute is enough time to discuss this issue.
- **Nick Swiess:** Color scheme change from his company to another without workers compensation
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Item B, approval of new permit holders should be looked at
- **Steve Reimers:** Yellow will be losing Sam Arian to a new color scheme.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Larger color schemes losing medallions to smaller companies.
- **Robert Cesano:** Absurd James Gillespie is being fined.
- **Mary McGuire:** Reads minutes from Mach and April meetings re Welsch medallions
- **Mark Gruberg:** if the Commissioners have any questions about Welsch medallions, I'll be happy to answer.
- **Com Benjamin:** Is this extortion?
- **Com Heinicke:** What is this all about? Will more medallions come over? How did UTW make this settlement?
- **Com Breslin:** We could continue this and investigate further.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Explanation of settlement; which included at least 2 Welsch medallions. Executive boards decision but membership can overturn it. UTW was acting in the interest of members and others.
- **Com Breslin:** Remarkable, was here for the whole process and never once heard this before.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Larger companies are full service and should have the medallions
- **Name:** UTW members; this company has always been spending the money in the best interest for drivers
- **John Lazar:** Smaller companies shouldn't have ramp medallions.
- **Com Henicke:** Motions to approve on B,D, C3, C4, Cg and H (b)
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve changes adopted to minutes of May 22, 2007 and approve as amended; Item A
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motions

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Egregious violators should be set forth
- **Com Paek:** Why is no one here from Fog City to discuss this?
- **Com Benjamin:** We shouldn't approve due to the violations; Motions to deny item C1 and C2
- **Com Paek**: 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Breslin: Item C**
- **Com Heinicke:** Motions to approve
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: Benjamin

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item E, staff has recommendations.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Advises the commissioners to not approve new color schemes due to their lack of compliance and inappropriate facilities at place of business, staff is investigating.
- **Com Heinicke:** If applicants reapply would they have to pay fee?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Wants to hear from commissioners.

- **Com Breslin;** Motions to deny new color schemes without paying fee if reapply.
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: Gillespie

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Dir Machen**: Item G; review of candidates history of driving especially lack of required ramp pick ups
- **Abdel Sdaigiu**: Says he was passed when he had met the driving requirement.
- **Com Oka**: Was he interviewed by Paratransit Coordinating Council?
- **Dir Machen**: No, since that only applies to the 25 ramp medallions approved by the PC&N. Also PCC will not interview applicants that have failed their 100 pick ups.
- **Com Oka**: I think we deny this applicant especially since he hasn't meet his 100 pick ups.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Applicant has been waiting a long time for this medallion, doesn't feel comfortable voting on this.
- **Com Breslin**: Has his record improved over time?
- **Dir Machen**: We didn't look back that far.
- **Com Oneto**: He failed both regular and ramp pick ups?
- **Dir Machen**: Yes.
- **John Lazar**: He didn't work for Luxor for the years 2005, 2006, only recently in 2007.
- **Com Oka**: Motions to deny applicant ramp medallion.
- **Com Breslin**: 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: Gillespie

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Com Breslin:** James Gillespie case is topical based on the formation of the working group. Only manager that has had action taken against him.
- **Com Benjamin:** This admonishment is based on the fact he didn't meet the

driving requirement.

- **Com Oka:** Fine is not appropriate since the Taxi Commission didn't enforce the fine at that time.
- **Com Heinicke:** Is the procedure that simple, since the case has already been heard by the hearing officer?
- **City Attorney:** Commissioners would vote to either rehear the item unless the future procedures are changed.
- **Com Oka:** What's the rehearing procedure?
- **City Attorney:** Review record at a later date, simplify matter requiring 5 year vote.
- **James Gillespie:** Feels like the case was selective enforcement. Anxious to have it settled, although would rather not have admonishment on record or requirement to pay fee.
- **Com Oneto:** Finds Mr. Gillespie as a knowledgeable of this industry, why didn't you follow the rules?
- **James Gillespie:** It took about 20 years after Prop K for Prop K medallion holders to become managers. This was contentious and we worked with detail on a oral agreement to not worry about driving. Only after the few months we had the legislation passed was there anything up against me.
- **Com Heinicke:** A unique case can't see it being reheard.
- **City Attorney:** You can deny recommendation but would require 2/3 vote, with no penalty or admonishment.
- **Com Breslin:** Motion to deny
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion, deny adoption of motion

AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Oka **NOES: Heinicke, Onteo, Paek**

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: Gillespie**

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to rehear case.
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Heinicke **NOES: Oneto**

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: Gillespie**

4. Organization of Charter Reform Working Group: Creating a Selection Panel

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesano:** We have given names; remove Mike Spain and Charles Rathbone
- **Charles Rathbone:** More is better: Jack Berry
- **Mark Gruberg:** Submitted name for working group, 7 voting, 5 non voting should be changed
- **Barry Taranto:** Wants his name to be added to the list.
- **Tarik Mehmood:** Wants his name to be added to the list.
- **Mary McQuire:** Names of public on the list are friends of Heidi and Jordanna and are all white.
- **Dan Hinds:** Applauds reform.
- **John Lazar:** Would like to add both himself and Tom Stanghellini
- **Pres Gillespie:** Included to make the group larger
- **Com Heinicke:** Could we add 11 voting members?
- **Com Oneto:** The non-voting members are City representatives
- **Pres Gillespie:** People of color represent a large percentage of our industry and should have fair representation.
- **Com Oka:** Larger groups are better.
- **Com Benjamin:** Keep the number even,; 3 commissioners, 3 drivers, 3 medallions, 3 color scheme
- **Pre Gillespie:** Commissioners Heinicke, Oka and Benjamin; objection of 12 voting members? Committee to look at what needs to be changed by the voters in the charter. Amend 12 voting members without objection change deadline to July 24th or the next regularly scheduled Taxi Commission meeting.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to accept and amend resolution.
- **Com Oka;** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

5. Disciplinary Hearing for Revocation of Color Scheme Permit for Union Cab Company for violation of Taxicab/Ramped Taxicab Rules and Regulations 5.A.1, 5.A.3, 5.A.4, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.6, 5.H.9, 5.H.15, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.2, 5.I.3, 5.K.3., 5.C.2, 5.C.3, 5.C.5, 5.E.1.c, and MPC§1140(a), §1123(a), §1135.1(b)(ii), §1147.4, §1148.6(b), and §1187.1.

- **Dir Machen:** States that Mr. Me request a continuance. However the defendant was noticed in April with a 2nd amended complaint.
- **Pres Gillespie:** No continuance approved.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Presented Commissions case against Union Cab
- **Mr. Me, Defendant:** Spoke with attorney, complicated case and needs more time.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continuance not granted needs to present case.
- **Com Heinicke:** There's a lot of information , Mr. Me not required to give full testimony but there are some questions we could focus on:1040 a4; 1090a9
- **Mr. Me:** Yellow and Mr. Me relationship "father and son". Has contracted radio dispatch with yellow, owes money. States Jordanna does not include that in her report. Has audits from State Fund and she didn't mention that either. Tried bailing the company out but owed yellow over $200k. Doesn't believe the Taxi Commission has the authority to collect the fee.

Public Comment:

- **Name:** Happy to see something is being done.
- **Name:** It's difficult to run small companies and this is evidence of that.
- **Robert Cesano:** Way bills are commission's biggest problems. Should find alternatives.
- **Chuffa:** Taxi Commission is against following any rules.
- **Steve Reimers:** When problems occurred, yellow closed down the lots so cabs don't shift change on Union's property.
- **Name:** Taxis were confiscated from drivers.
- **Name:** Why isn't he in jail?
- **Emil Lawrence:** Copies of waybills should be required.
- **Blake:** As a driver is he entitled to Yellow cabs financial documents?
- **Thomas George Williams:** Agrees revocation, Yellow's involvement interesting. Further investigation needed.

- **John Lazar:** Mr. Williams said he paid $105/ shift
- **Name:** Please keep your eyes open so this doesn't happen again.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Rebuttal
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Mr. Me did not pay GTU fees and therefore GTU will not inspect any Union cabs. Cabs are not deemed safe and are a public safety issue. DA and police are looking into the case.
- **City Attorney:** Cannot take medallions from drivers until the Commission creates findings.
- **Mr. Me:** Asking commission to give him time to pay back debt to yellow cab and drivers.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to revoke color scheme
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Dir Machen:** Will adopt findings and could revoke medallions in 15 days. Summary suspension of remaining medallions could be possible tomorrow morning based on public safety issues.
- **City Attorney:** Findings should include evidentiary conclusions that constituted revocation of color scheme permit.
- **Com Heinicke:** We could use findings on bottom of page 6 to adopt them as our findings.
- **City Attorney:** Could also direct staff to include false statements since you have indicated those as means to revoke color scheme permit.
- **Dir Machen:** Summarizes what City Attorney says
- **Com Benjamin:** Motions to also revoke dispatch permit
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to adopt rule violation findings.
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- Vote on revoking dispatch

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Table consent item F

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements

- **Dir Machen:** Update
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Update
- **Com Heinicke:** If town car is soliciting what should the public do?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Call the dispatch number they will have to come out to issue the ticket, tow car. Or you can perform citizen's arrest.
- **Pres Gillespie:** passing of PCC's Vince Behan and Jewel McGinnis, who were tireless advocates.
- **Com Breslin:** Could we move the July 10 meeting since there's an All Star game?
- **Com Benjamin:** Time waiver is an issue and needs to be addressed.
- **Com Oneto:** Request gas and gate to be a meeting

Public Comment:

- **Chuffa:** Ramp medallion offers are far from him
- **Robert Cesano:** Rules and Regulations meeting needed.
- **Rich Hybels:** Commission needs to write letter to Chief Fong requesting police detail at airport to stop illegal limos from picking up passengers.

7. Removal of Tu Lam and John Nguyen from the Union Cab Company color scheme permit at Mr. Lam and Mr. Nguyen's request

- **Dir Machen:** Review
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to deny
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Paek, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

8. Public Comment

- **Rich Hybels:** Worker's Compensation issue not fair.
- **Peter:** Spoke at BOS meeting
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Yellow issued shift/monthly sign up for new lease starting July 1, 2007 equates to $1.6 million per month.
- **Sam:** GTU inspected his Union cab and it was deemed safe.
- **Name:** Shift change at Luxor bad neighborhood, unsafe
- **EmilLawrence:** Long term lease is overcharging.. What's the liability for such companies?
- **John Lazar**: Prepay gas and gate for up to 4-6 shifts not long term leases.
- **Charles Cesano:** Unions should have the contracts with the companies.
- **MaryMcGuire:** Was president of UTW and gate shouldn't be increased . Gruberg upset about vote and the Board overturned decision.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Odisho

Executive Secretary

San Francisco Taxicab Commission

June 26, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

June 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30-8:00 PM

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CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by th Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which ever matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the June 12, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver p to:

Abdul G. Amani	Emmanuel A. Kanu	Leandro De Franco Mendonca	Raymond O. Oiyemhonlan
Abdelwase A. Alaidrus	Ermiyas Kebede	Leonardo S. Naves	Richard Beaird Jr.
Abdullah Y. Alkamez	Frenzyto C. Dsa	Li Fang	Richard V. Keen
Adriano A. Dos Santos	Gurinder P. Singh	Lob K. Kwong	Rovshan Shafiyev
Ahmed a. Edhah	Gyalpo Lama	Marcelo A. Lacour	Said Hassani
Augustine J. Ezeh	Hamid F. Khan	Maung M. Oo	Sarfraz Muhammad
Baolin Pan	Ilir Hoxha	Mohamed Aoucher	Shaef M. A. Saeed
Bhupinder S. Bhangal	Ilya Liavonchyk	Nacer E. Benterki	Shariff A. Hameed
Binod S. Tamang	Issaias D. Tiruneh	Ngoc V. Tran	Shing King Wong
Brian K. O'Brien	Jamal H. Anshasi	Peter K. H. Ng	Tam Hong Cao
Can Sarikurt	Jiejun Cai	Petros w. Berhe	Veronica A. D. Carvalho

Charles E. Folk	Joao P.C. Sousa	Philip A. Padayhag	Vladimir A. Mirzoyan
Charles O. Iphie	Joseph Tadesse	Philip O. Bewley	Wei Qiang Xiong
Ddie C. Sun	Julio A. Quintanilla	Phuong T. Vo	Xu Huang
Don Ngoc Nguyen	Khaled M. Omer	Rajinder Singh	Zahid A. Choudhry

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	**Medallion #:**	**Change:**
1. Azzam Rashad Ennazer	431	Yellow to Town Taxi
2. Wing Seek Tse	1128	Bay to Delta Cab
3. Michael Chong	1040	Town to DeSoto Cab
4. Kin C Ching	1009	Union to Delta Cab
5. Elizabeth Ann Bertran	103	Luxor Cab to Desoto Cab
6. Anthony Carl Scoma	104	Luxor Cab to DeSoto Cab
7. Stephen H. Saw	1289	Union Cab to Town Taxi
8. Pablo L Gravador	536	Union Cab to DeSoto *
9. Yen Ngoc Le	1209	Union Cab to Royal Taxi *
10. Thai Hoang Hong	1249	Union Cab to Royal Taxi *
11. Wing Yiu Kan	1215	Union Cab to Luxor Cab *
12. Tu-Quang Lam	896	Union Cab to Town Taxi *
13. John Nguyen	806	Union Cab to Town Taxi *

* Medallion holders that have not been on Notice; The Commission will need to waive it imposed

Notice requirement for color scheme changes due to emergency situation prior to votin

D. Consideration to Change Dispatch Service to:

Medallion Holder Name:	**Change**
1. SF Super Cab	Union to Citywide Dispatch Company

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a NEW Color Scheme to:

Applicant Name:	**New Company Name:**	**Medallion #(s):**
1. Saam Alaee Aryan, Mohamed Bathai & Firouz Ekdeloo Mahdavi	Six 2 Six Taxi	9037, 1157 & 419

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:
1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from t Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Joseph Sierra	6-377
2. Dennis Lawson	6-453
3. Bruce Fehling	6-456

H. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Hol Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Paul Vickers Ridley	744	National Cab	Regular
2. Richard J. Leeds	786	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
3. Tom Sideris	718	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individu have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Med Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the July 10, 2 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Salvador F Rodriguez	379	DeSoto to Luxor Cab

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for failure to respond after noticed attempt or for declining a **Ramp** Medallion per Munici Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) or Municipal Police Code Section 1081(c) for failure to meet the dri experience required by Section 1148.1 for a ramped taxi permit:

Applicant Name(s):	**List #:**
1. Richard Duchene	6-855
2. Abdel Sdaigui	6-787
3. Dennis Lok	6-766
4. Wale A Raji	6-863

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Hol Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	**List #:**	**Color Scheme:**	**Medallion Type:**
1. Michael Roach	6-364	Metro Cab	Regular
2. Francis Gonzales	6-699	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Ramp
3. Charles Hawkins	6-861	Luxor	Ramp
4. Paul M. Tai	6-808	Luxor	Ramp

D. Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs

E. Revocation of the following Color Scheme Companies for non-compliance with MPC Sect 1095 and 1147.4:

Company Name:
1. Best Cab Company
2. KSJ
3. Yellow Cab Company

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	December 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	

Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background		
Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

June 26, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

June 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Benjamin; Breslin; Oneto; Oka; Heinicke

Absent: Paek

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Tamara Odisho– Taxi Commission, Thomas Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Consent Calendar [ACTION]**

- **Director Machen:** Remove from the calendar items C1,C2, 4,5,6,8-13, E, H 2, H3 & continue F
- **President Gillespie:** Agrees of the removal and requests a motion
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion on Items A, B, C3, C7, D1, H1, and continuance of F
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Regarding Item C, why are so many medallions going to one color scheme? I'm assuming once we have policies into place, we will have answers.
- **Com Breslin:** Given the situation of Union, are we allowing/giving these medallion holders a pass?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Correct, no current medallion holders are up for revocation.
- **Com Breslin:** City Attorney, can we waive motion in any case?
- **City Attorney:** Practice of noticing is administrative practice of Taxi Commission. Brown and Sunshine require 72 hours for posting of meetings. As long as that is met, waivers are ok.
- **Com Benjamin:** Are any of the Union Can medallions under investigation?
- **DirMachen:** No medallion is under investigation for Union cab, but Commission staff are investigated for Prop K requirement.
- **Com Heinicke:** If anything is found, will staff recommend revocation? Is staff investigating any other color schemes.
- **Dir Machen:** No current ongoing investigation. Although Delta only has worker's compensation for one medallion, however they state otherwise.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve C1
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Gillespie

- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve C5 & C6
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Oka :** Motion to approve C2 &C4
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Motions to waive notice section for Union medallions
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve C8-C13
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** No worker's compensation, how common is single shifting?
- **Pres Gillespie:** On your application you state the reason to start this color scheme is to bring medallion holders and drivers together, but without worker's compensation?
- **Com Breslin:** I've been thinking a lot about single shifting and oppose it since it doesn't fully serve the City. This should be a topic to be discussed in the working group.
- **Saam Aryan:** There's no rule that would deny the Commission to approve a new color scheme on the basis of a single shifter.
- **Com Heinickie:** Would like to delay decision until worker's compensation is purchased.
- **Com Breslin:** Delaying this would keep these medallions off the street, especially the two from Union.
- **Com Heinicke:** Approve the new color scheme with the condition to rehear this item at a later time to ensure vehicles have been inspected by GTU and that the company has worker's compensation
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve items H2 & H3
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Gillespie

5. **Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]**

- **Dir Machen:** Staff report
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Staff update, included meeting with the camera company. Cameras are meeting expiration of their life span, 5 years. Taxis will need new cameras.
- **Com Heinicke:** Can we discuss the cameras in the taxis issue.
- **SgtReynolds:** Currently, not until the a camera is broken, or if we need to retrieve something from it do we realize it has not been functioning properly. We will need to be replacing the cameras since they are reaching their 5 year life expectancy.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Let's schedule this for August

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30-8:00 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Weiner:** Requiring a medallion holder to drive their own medallion is a disservice to the City.
- **MikeSpain:** Reads from a old lawsuit filed by MHA, to example how the Commissioners should create policy.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Illegal limos issue, ADA medallions are not forever
- **LeonMajer:** Long term leases are to expensive.
- **David Barlow:** It's the City's responsibility to be involved in all taxi company business
- **Barry Tarranto:** Every hotel has at least 1-2 illegal limos waiting. Taxi Commission should work with Entertainment Commission for scheduled events. Police should have enforcement at All Star Game.

- **Nate Dwiri:** Yellow Coop does good business and should be acknowledged for that.
- **Ann McVeigh:** Results of PC&N eschewed, UTW is fraudulent, and ADA lawsuit
- **Thomas George Williams:** Yellow overcharged drivers, UTW filed lawsuit to return $ to drivers.
- **Charles Rathbone:** ADA lawsuit filed with greatest reluctance. Hope that is could be resolved and nipped in the bud.
- **Rich Hybels:** Medallion # 207 was revoked in 2005 and medallion holder still has it. St Francis is the only hotel in the City that doesn't allow illegal cabs or illegal limos.
- **Peter Van:** Circulated petition and gather over 200 signatures that states UTW does not represent them. UTW represents 25 members not the entire industry, shouldn't take it upon themselves to file the lawsuits.
- **Blake:** 1095 mandatory hours unnecessary requirement
- **Grasshopper:** Min Paek appreciates what I have to say, she asked I not create chaos during the meeting. Would like "to impeach is patriotic" as a part of his color scheme.
- **Chuffa:** We have the right to say what we want, shouldn't be criticized.

Staff Report/ Commissioner Announcements (continued)

- **Com Breslin:** Events in the City are extremely important. Fleet weak banning of planes is not good for business. Commission should send a resolution to the Board of Supervisors. All Star Game important, meeting should be either rescheduled or canceled.
- **Com Heinicke:** Consideration to keep fleet week is important, everyone should send letters to representatives.
- **Com Benjamin:** There should be a temporary taxi stand available at the All Start Game.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** 2nd between Townsend will have a stand. St Francis held an appreciation day because they are fair. None of the other hotels care.
- **Mike Spain:** Item omitted from staff report, but tomorrow begins the budget hearings. No public comment will be taken.
- **Jane Bolig:** Doesn't want blueangels to fly over City
- **Name:** Planes used to kill in Iraq, SF humanitarian City.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Blood money won't work
- **T. Mehmood:** Safe country because of military.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Commercial planes always flying over, no one complains.
- **Jerrold:** Long term leases to expensive especially since he's a part-time driver.
- **Ann McVeigh:** Fleet week makes money, should be careful of the resolutions the commission puts out, since there may be a hidden agenda.

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- **Dir Machen:** Review of cases, recommends removing 1, 2 & 4 since 1095's were turned in. However, recommends 1 for fine.
- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** Overview of Phellan case (7 minutes)
- **Kathleen Morgan, Defense Attorney:** Would like case continued until August 13, which is when Phellan will be released from prison. Appeal is pending in 9th circuit.
- **President Gillespie:** Why the delay in response. This case was hear in 2005.
- **DirMachen:** Waiting for hearing officer, who was waiting for appeals process in court to be over.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Requests 2 weeks time to be able to find shifts for drivers if medallion is revoked.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Commission should at least suspend the medallion if not revoked

tonight.

- **Sherry McVoy:** He's appealing this because it never happened.
- **Chuffa:** Should be given a continuance.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to adopt findings.
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Overview on 3, 5, 6 & 7

Public Comment:

- **RobertCezano:** Lawsuit filed and in records there are ADA application. TXC has no ADA policy.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Staff should just go to the hospitals of where these folks are, rather than spending so much time researching.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Welcome seriously disabled, we believe disorder affecting mental capacity.
- **Barry Taranto:** Lots of staff resources went into this disciplinary hearing. Staff should be commended.
- **TomStanghellini:** Spoke with Welcome and doesn't have appropriate id card.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Medallion 1170 came back from out of the country June 8, went to school received A card the next day, how is that possible?
- **Chuffa:** Do not rush to revoke medallions
- **JimGillespie:** Medallion 1170 not a liar, didn't renew A card out of country ex-wife passed away, and then ill father.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Staff good job sticking to the letter of law.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Should revoke medallions.
- **Roger Cardenas:** Medallion holders #789 and 777 are both alive.
- **Com Benjamin:** Fine is too high, especially since there was an emergency.
- **Com Heinicke;** Item 1, medallion #1170, his appearance here tonight is proof he is responsible and will follow rules. Motion to reduce fine to $100 .
- **Com Benjamin:**2nd motion.

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Gillespie

- **Laura Galicha:** Father is sick and out of the country will not be returning until July 22, 2007.
- **Com Breslin:**Don't believe Prop K states that the medallion holder has a driving requirement.
- **Com Oka:** Medallion holder knows the rules and chose not to follow them. Finds it difficult not to revoke.
- **Com Oneto:** Motions to revoke medallion # 777
- **Com Heinicke:** 2nd Motion

AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: Breslin

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Benjamin:** Does Jote Kejela have ADA?
- **Roger Cardenas:** Officer Suslow a few years back gave ADA for at least 3 years
- **Com Benjamin:** Shouldn't revoke when disability is involved.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Have not seen evidence of his driving since 1997
- **Com Heinicke:** City Attorney, can we revoke on driving requirement?
- **City Attorney:** Yes, it is apart of the Complaint.
- **Com Heinicke:** Respectfully disagrees with Com Benjamin and motions to revoke medallion # 789
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: Benjamin, Breslin

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: 0

- **Com Heinicke:** Does the complaint against medallion 655, Lindsey Welcome, also include the driving requirement.
- **City Attorney:** Yes
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to revoke permit
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: Breslin

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Benjamin

6. Consideration of Resolution Urging Board of Supervisors to Act on its Hearing on Gate and Meter Adjustments and on the Health Care Plan for Drivers

- **Pres Gillespie:** This resolution is to remind the BOS of the healthcare issue, and that they should try to agendize the issue as soon as they get through their budget.
- **Com Heinicke:** Are we making any recommendations?
- **Pres Gillespie:** No, that was the Controller's report. We recommended the $5 in the health care and let others unspecified.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone:** Commission should consider sending the medallion holders association health care plan
- **Chuffa:** Crash in the business, lots of people will be out of jobs because of gas anc gate.
- **MarkGruberg:** Would like the resolution go to the board.
- **TomStanghellini:** Would like to see a gate increase, will help companies.
- **Mike Spain:** Resolution is arrogant of Commission to send to Board of Supervisors.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to pass resolution
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke
NOES: 0

ABSENT: Paek

RECUSED: Benjamin

7. Review of Supervisor Ammiano's Resolution on Long-term Leases [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

- **Com Heinicke:** What's the drive your own medallion rule issue with the drivers?
- **Com Breslin:** The reason they are required to drive their own taxi was so that their

taxi would be in good condition, and that drivers will feel safe in the taxis. But I have a problem with this since it's now practice that the cabs just sit on the lots until the medallion holder comes to pick up their car when they want.

- **Com Oneto:** I believe the medallion holders have a lot of pull with the color schemes. Their should be a schedule for everyone to follow including the medallion holders.
- **Pres Gillespie:** The issue of long term leasing is an important one. Not many drivers have the money to pay upfront.
- **Com Breslin:** Long term leasing will be a commitment
- **Pres Gillespie:** Currently the schedule is very flexible and convenient for drivers. Long term leasing would be a required set schedule.
- **Com Heinicke:** Do long term leases mean more money for the companies?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Long term leasing means less control for the companies. Shift changing will occur off property more frequently.
- **Com Heinicke:** Doesn't fully understand long term leasing.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Not voting on anything tonight, this is just an informational item.

Public Comment:

- **Tariq Mehmood:** Yellow cab changing the Taxi Commission, UTW filed lawsuit, so companies retaliate.
- **Robert Cesano:** Should remove from Ammiano's resolution the requirement to drive your own medallion.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Long term lease is a one year commitment; no short shifts, nc substitute drivers, and lease can increase at any given time.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** No increasing in annual lease payments, since lease is locked intc gap fees. Will always have extra drivers on and in case someone cannot driver their shift. Companies are looking at everything.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Long term leases have been around for a long time. And are usec around the nation. SF only city to have gas and gate.
- **Liz:** 40 cabs are pre-k long term leases at yellow. Her and husband would be requirec to pay $15,000 and don't have that money laying around. Medallion holders have the power. ½ folks drive 2-4 day/week, there is no schedule.
- **Dave Bottle:** reads definition of lease.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Medallion holders have single shift. If they don't call or no show, cat will go out about one hour later. Medallion holders are reliable 95% of the time.
- **Com Heinicke:** Why is Yellow Cab doing this is it doesn't prove flexible for drivers?
- **Jim Gillespie:** This is flexible. There are a lot of concerns. Certain on how business will run. Of course company will protect name brand and public.
- **Mike Spain:** Prop K implied drive your own medallion rule.
- **Name:** If lawsuit is dropped then the companies will not go through the long term leases.
- **Rucha Graffis;** Support this resolution.
- **Mary McGuire:** Spoke with someone who was happy with the upfront cost. But people like flexibility and this isn't flexible. Drive your own medallion should not be ir

resolution.

- **Thomas George Williams:** UTW isn't responsible for this. Yellow cab was over charging its drivers and we were just trying to get the money back to the drivers.
- **Jane Bolig:** Is this working better or worse for medallion holder?
- **Pres Gillespie:** On going issue, not an action item. Long term lease and drive your own medallion different issue. I've spoken to dozens of drivers who will quit the industry if this goes into effect, and I would be one of them. This is a bad trend, other cities have a different type of medallion system. Strongly urges companies to look at this.
- **Com Heinicke:** If this is going to change your job and customer service, then this is an important resolution. We should communicate to Supervisor Ammiano that these are two separate issues.
- **Pres Gillespie:** There are a limited number of pre-k medallions that have moved to this, and I think when the others move, people who are interested in it now, are going to regret it later.
- **Com Breslin:** Is Supervisor Ammiano expecting a response from us tonight?
- **Dir Machen:** He does not know we have agendized this issue, nor is he expecting a response from the Commission.
- **Com Breslin:** We should invite Supervisor Ammianos staff to attend.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continue to monitor and readdress this.
- **Com Oneto:** Can I see a copy of this lease? Are we allowing this to go through? What about driver's rights?
- **City Attorney:** The agenda would only allow the Commission to discuss the Ammiano resolution, no policy action.
- **Com Heinicke:** Can we send something to Supervisor Ammiano to address these issues? I want to prepare and ensure the proper people are prepared to deal with this issue.
- **Com Breslin:** I didn't hear like the whole industry is going to long term leases.
- **PresGillespie:** There are letters that go around signed by management that creates a frenzy amongst drivers, saying that long term leases are eminent for all medallion holders, then another comes out saying it's only for pre-k medallion holders. No one really knows what's going on.
- **Com Benjamin:** Nothing has happened yet, and we shouldn't worry about this just yet, and we shouldn't do anything until Yellow or Luxor start doing something. Other companies are available if that does happen.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Lots of drivers are going to leave this business and it's going to affect this industry.

8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order).

- **Carl McMurdo:** Yellow posted another letter that toned down the intent of Yellow Cab

to go to long term leases. Rules committee working group should be established. Way bill copies an issue.

- **Bill Mounsey:** Illegal limo issue is huge at airport. They are soliciting passengers at airport.
- **Robert Cesano:** Overregulated industry, doesn't understand current way bill regulations. Auditing done badly.
- **Mary McGuire:** No one ever questioned companies for overcharging gate/cap while it was happening? Why is the City apart of the lawsuit if they didn't do anything when it was happening?
- **Mark Gruberg:** Not his responsibility to do the work of the City or the Taxi Commission. There's a certain misapprehension regarding the rule for driving your own cab, it is embedded in Prop K and police code. Taxi Commission cannot change prop K. ADA deserves court case, and they should figure it out.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** There are laws that need to be streamlined to work better.

9. **Adjournment**

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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July 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs [ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 3:00-3:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
5. PC&N Methodology Hearing [DISCUSSION and ACTION]
6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
8. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the June 26, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:
(None available at this time)

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Salvador F Rodriguez	379	DeSoto to Luxor Cab
2. Dennis T. Wong	751	Union to Delta Cab *

* Medallion holder has not been on Notice; The Commission will need to waive its self imposed
Notice requirement for color scheme change.

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:
1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Michael Roach	1160	Metro Cab	Regular
2. Paul M. Tai	9071	Luxor Cab	Ramp
3. Charles Hawkins*	XXXX	Luxor Cab	Ramp
4. Francis Gonzales*	XXXX	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Ramp

*Due to an appeal filed with the Board Of Appeals, the issuance of the approved new medallions are on hold until a decision has been reached by the BOA. Taxi Commission will consider granting the next available ramped medallions available to these applicants.

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for failure to
respond after noticed attempt or for declining a Ramp Medallion per Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) or Municipal Police Code Section 1081(c) for failure to meet the driving experience required by Section 1148.1 for a ramped taxi permit:

Applicant Name(s):	List #:
1. Richard Duchene	6-855
2. Abdel Sdaigui	6-787
3. Dennis Lok	6-766
4. Wale A Raji	6-863

G. Revocation of the following Color Scheme Companies for non-compliance with MPC Section 1095 and 1147.4:

Company Name:
1. Best Cab Company
2. KSJ

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the July 24, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:

1. Roman Katz	1268	Alliance to Luxor
2. Saam Alaee Aryan	9037	Six2six to Yellow Cab
3. Kurt Alan Schmacher	1292	DeSoto to Luxor

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1. Francis Basada	6-786
2. Gary Habeeb	6-583
3. Richard Lubinski	6-581
4. Serajul Islam	6-584
5. Chen W. Lee	6-585
6. Chuong S. Ta	6-588
7. Antonio Yon*	6-590
8. Vladimir V. Talian	6-591
9. Seyran Amzayan	6-592
10. William M. Iversen	6-593

* Driver is on Item D: Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a time waiver.

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Kutay D. Kugay	6-454	Luxor Cab	Regular
2. Vladislav Gershman	6-733	Black & White Checker	Ramp
3. Thomas Winz	6-458	DeSoto Cab	Regular
4. Miguel Del Pomar	6-461	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
5. Laurie Graham	6-459	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
6. Kam P. Chan	6-457	DeSoto Cab	Regular

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a time waiver:

Applicant Name:	List Number:
1. Antonio Yon	6-590

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Luxor Cab Company
Medallion #s:	333, 435, 572, 1025, 208, 100, 1066, 823,145, 898, 232, 934, 236, 969, 297
Duration of Campaign:	August 6, 2007 - October 28, 2007
Advertiser:	Naked Juice

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	August
Vice President Breslin	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date

Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	December 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Formation of policy change working group	June 26, 2007	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs. What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	September 26, 2006 May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
	Date of Request	
Commissioner Oneto	November 22, 2006	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	December 12, 2006 June 12, 2007	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.		
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting		
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

Public Comment may be limited to two minutes for a specific item number depending on the number of speakers. Copies of the Commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available upon request at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, each Business day from 9am to 4pm (Documents distributed are in parenthesis) Copies of obtainable documents may be viewed or obtained at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458.

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

July 13, 2007 - Special Meeting

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

July 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Paek

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs [ACTION]**

- **Dir Machen:** Overview of policy
- **City Attorney:** Additional 3rd Option would allow any icon on the cab as long as it didn't obscure the identification of the taxi.
- **Com Oneto:** Not in favor of option #3, prefer standard policy. The companies will then know what to do with their cabs.
- **Pres Gillespie:** If we adopt option #1, would it affect any current color scheme?
- **City Attorney:** Yellow has a current statement, we are trying to avoid any constrictions.

- **Com Oka :** Under that option, would Yellow be required to remove their statement?
- **City Attorney:** Yes
- **Com Breslin:** Option #3 is vague and could cause discrimination. Drove behind Grasshopper and all that was seen was the statement on vehicle, text isn't apart of the color scheme. Text on cabs should directly be used for color scheme.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continue item until City Attorney has exact language unless we do it now.
- **Dir Machen:** If you continue this then you will have to continue Item D, which has been continued since April 2007.

Public Comments:

- **Tim Lapp:** If Taxi Commission decides to remove all logos, then they should pay Yellow.
- **Grasshopper:** Will be removed from Citywide dispatch. 1st amendment allows statement.
- **Com Heinicke:** Any comments from staff or police regarding this being a safety concern? There should be a industry wide standard.
- **City Attorney:** Would recommend website to also be included on color scheme. Color schemes not in compliance would have to figure out a way to comply.
- **Com Oka :** Motion to move on option # 2
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion
- **Com Breslin:** Disagrees because that option allows any content on the vehicles.
- **Com Heinicke:** Could the color scheme choose a slogan for the color scheme?
- **Com Breslin:** Does the color scheme reflect the City of SF with or without color scheme?
- **Com Heinicke:** Does promoting a slogan on the vehicles help business? Continue item to give companies time to comment on policy changes.
- **Com Benjamin:** Withdraws motion
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to continue item until language is exact
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion.
- **Voice vote**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

NOES: 0
ABSENT:Paek

RECUSED: 0

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Staff update

Commissioner Announcements:

- **Com Breslin:** Thanks staff for All Star game help. Comment regarding taxi driver who didn't want to take her to the ball park for the event.

Public Comments:

- **Jim Kennedy:** Notifying Commission that Wieland's son is appealing Commission's decision. Investigator position was hard to locate off the Taxi Commission website.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Taxi Commission over charged companies for fees per the Board of Supervisors.
- **Mike Spain:** Welcome committed suicide because permit was revoked.

4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **DirMachen:** Remove items C 1, C 2, D, E 2, G1 and Best Cab Company is in compliance with worker's compensation.

Public Comments:

- **Jim Kennedy:** Item 4b from minutes reflects comments that Taxi Commission failed to return waybills to Bay Cab, which are still not returned.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Minutes incorrectly reflect Commissioners Breslin's vote on Lindsey Welcome revocation. She did not vote in support of revocation.
- **Com Breslin:** Minutes should be easily readable.
- **Barry Taranto:** Minutes do not accurately reflect his comments.

- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve consent calendar items, A with amendments official record should be tape, F1, F3 and F4
- **Com Breslin:** 2nd motion
- **Voice call**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0
  ABSENT:Paek

  RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item C 1, Commissioner Benjamin to recuse
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT:Paek

  RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Com Oneto:** Item C 2Questions Delta cab coverage
- **Dir Machen: Michael Austria from** State Fund has questions regarding adequate coverage at State Fund believes there was an issue with the underwriter; staff recommends it to go through.
- **Com Oneto:** Can we add a condition on this?
- **Dir Machen:** This would also need a motion to waive notice. We can add a stipulation that the company prove coverage in 2 weeks
- **Com Oneto:** Waive notice imposed by Commission
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Paek

  RECUSED: 0

- **Com Oneto:** Motions to approve with stipulation that proof of Worker's Compensation is necessary within 10 days.
- **Com Heinicke:** 2nd motion
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Paek

  RECUSED: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Continues Item D1, without objection
- **Pres Gillespie:** E2, Commissioner Benjamin recuses
- **Com Oka:** Motions to approve items E1 and E2
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Paek

  RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item F2, severed by me and Com Oka expressed interest. Anyone want to speak on behalf on this item?
- **Mrs. Sdaigui:** Huge discrepancy, counted all waybills. Ramp pick ups are only 32, not in his control. At 4am there is only certain number of ramp pick ups.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Last meeting we decided not to grant him a medallion. Tonight he is being held off from being taken off the ramp taxi list.
- **Rich Hybels:** Here for moral support, driver has showed his records to him, honest and deserving guy.
- **Com Oka:** Ramp medallion holder told him that Mr. Sdaigui worked for him and was a good worker, conscientious; this man has picked me up and has done a great job. Would like him to see him get a ramp.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We can rescind the vote, if a further investigation would reveal

something more.

- **Com Breslin:** What's the moving point as to why he was removed?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Maybe there was some discrepancy.
- **Com Heinicke:** Does staff feel additional time would be needed?
- **Dir Machen:** Last memo received from staff showed 100 hours were missing as were the ramp pickup requirements. An option would be granting a provisional medallion, which was rejected previously.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Questions as to what he was getting credit for. Thought Commission was taking a harsh line on this case.
- **Com Oka:** Motion to not remove him from waiting list.
- **Com Benjamin**: 2nd motion
- **Roll Call**

  AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka

  NOES: Breslin, Heinicke, Oneto

  ABSENT: Paek

  RECUSED: 0

- **Motion fails**
- **Com Breslin:** Motions to continue item in order to look at policy
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT:Paek

  RECUSED: 0

SPECIAL ORDER 3:00-3:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Tim Lapp:** Afternoon meetings better for evening drivers. A comment made on

news interview regarding 50% medallion holders not driving is exaggerated.

- **Sam Swada:** UTW doesn't represent him or other drivers
- **Mian:** UTW doesn't represent him.
- **Happy Hyder:** Taxi Commission staff uncooperative with Lindsey Welcome. She considered taking her life before and losing her medallion was it for her.
- **Kathleen Young:** Tried calling on Lindsey's behalf, wasn't able to get information. Found Lindsey dead on June 23, 2007.
- **Mian Mazhar:** UTW doesn't represent him.
- **Jazwinder Suppor:** UTW doesn't represent him.
- **Zuhair Sinada:** UTW doesn't represent him. If they were sincere why did they keep the Welch medallion? Why not give it back to the City so the next person on the list could receive it? GSP good communication for pick ups.
- **Ishfar Muhd:** Yellow is a good company. UTW doesn't represent drivers. Commission should settle UTW lawsuit, if Yellow begins long term lease it will hurt drivers.
- **Segio Pedroza:** UTW doesn't represent him. Only harass drivers.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Taxi Commission's ADA policy different than other departments. Staff should post revocations of medallions 2 weeks before meeting. Notice for revocation should include steps beyond the Board of Appeals for appealing.
- **Edgar Lanzo:** Yellow Cab driver, problems with UTW doesn't know anyone who is a member. Long term lease will affect drivers that don't have the up front money to pay. Commission should have more day meetings.
- **Chuffa:** Has said harsh words to the Commission in the past, but this time a medallion holder is dead because of decision.
- **Naeem Mazhar:** There's personal vendetta between UTW, Luxor and Yellow Cab, some benefits come back to drivers. Drivers don't have money for long term leasing. Neither UTW or companies are for the drivers. Commission should restrain or regulate UTW from wasting drivers' time.
- **Dan Hinds:** Staff was helpful with 1095 for those who couldn't make it to the office. Why did Ms Welcome believe she was losing her medallion. This dramatizes the vulnerable and unprepared to protect themselves.
- **Bashir Rahimi:** Smart card at the airport is an issue when it doesn't work properly.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kapplan:** Fired from Citywide with a 30 day notice.

- **Tarik Mehmood;** UTW doesn't represent drivers. They pocketed the Welch medallion. He spoke with Mark Gruberg and what he said was unbelievable.
- **JoeMirable:** UTW member, never had big membership but it fought for drivers' rights.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Lawsuit pending, Commissioners shouldn't take away any medallions.
- **Barry Tarranto:** Not a UTW member for 2 years. Members speaking against them belong to one color scheme. All Star game was good, illegal limos made it difficult to serve the public.
- **Anne McVeigh:** Reads a letter written by a driver.
- **Dave Barlow:** UTW represents its members. Their positions represent drivers and drivers can agree or disagree.
- **Mark Gruberg:** UTW saved drivers money, fought against ballot measures, actions helped return Luxor and medallion permits. Turned over the Commissions decision to release more medallions on the streets.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Never enough agendas on the table. Medallion list problem are the driving requirement documents
- **Jim Gillespie:** Approach to industry should be with positive attitude on means to improve.
- **Jim Kennedy:** ABC interview can be seen on their website. Six thousand drivers is a lot. 50% medallion holders not driving are exaggerated.

Continue Consent Calendar:

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item G, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen will present.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Overview of the case. Points out she and Sgt Reynolds audited records of KSJ, but would like the Commissioners to not use the audit as means of revoking the permit but rather the lack of compliance with 1095 filing.
- **David Basada, KSJ:** Refutes findings.

Public Comments:

- **NateDwiri:** Police code doesn't require companies to have worker's compensation, it just states that the company needs to be in compliance.
- **Jim Kennedy:** Commissioners should notify the owners that they could have an attorney to represent them when a case is being brought against them. Charges

are being trumped up.

- **Emil Lawrence:** Audit should be done by auditors, not staff and/or Sergeant.
- **Anne McVeigh:** Staff says conflicting things. Moving this case forward is not fair.
- **Barry Taranto:** Mistreatment of staff is wrong. He also assaulted me.
- **Chuffa:** If an audit is to be conducted there should be notice to the color scheme.
- **City Attorney:** The only basis for revocation would be the 1095 not the audit. Staff could issue an amended complaint.
- **Com Heinicke:** Commissioners received information but would like an amended complaint including the audit.
- **Com Benjamin:** He's required to comply with state law, does that mean he has to have worker's compensation?
- **City Attorney:** He is required by state law to have worker's compensation. Unless he can persuade this commission one way or another.
- **Com Oka:** Is it true that only immediate relatives are covered by worker's compensation?
- **City Attorney:** I am not sure. I would have to look up the rules. We don't require worker's compensation where the state does not.
- **Com Breslin:** Gross misunderstanding worker's compensation. Staff has a better working relationship with State Fund.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to continue item until the next meeting.
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion
- **Dir Machen:** We have created a relationship with state fund sometimes it is difficult for them to share information with us.
- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Paek

  RECUSED: 0

5. PC&N Methodology Hearing [DISCUSSION and ACTION]

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Presented on this item. Answered questions on the

methodology of survey. Attacks on staff will not be tolerated.

Public Comments:

- **John Lazar:** Cannot supply demand during peak-times, conventions etc
- **Nate Dwiri:** Has issue with all these surveys. Look and see what the drivers are doing. They line up to drive a cab. Look at what they do not what they say. Most of the time companies cannot supply demand of people who want to drive cabs.
- **Barry Taranto:** Against staff doing this. Interferes with staff time and there's a political aspect to this.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Concern is that the number of calls to big and small companies is not equal.
- **Com Heinicke:** Clarifies issue and questions.
- **Emil Lawrence:** When a call goes out on a radio it goes to all cars there's no way of knowing where the vehicle is. Remedy shift change and it will solve the peak time issue.
- **Charles Rathbone:** The staff didn't do a good job last year, and they shouldn't perform it again.
- **Name:** Audit should be done by a 3rd party.
- **Thomas George Williams:** It doesn't matter who does the survey, but rather the information that is derived. The lines at Yellow doesn't mean it's good money but rather there's not enough money made during the shifts they have. This survey should include worker's income.
- **Bashir Rahimi:** Peak hours the city needs taxis. At the airport, there are lots of cabbies playing cards. Maybe creating a schedule for drivers would resolve the problems.
- **Mike Spain:** Issue is always a problem when survey is done in house. Street pick ups still more widely used then calls.
- **Pres Gillespie:** This is not a results survey but a sampling of service in the city.
- **Com Oka:** Requests the results to be given to the Commissioners before releasing to the public.

8. Adjournment

- **Pre Gillespie:** Adjournment in memory of William Weiland and Lindsey Welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Odisho

Executive Secretary

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

SF
T23
#1
7/24/07

July 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Modifying the Inside of Taxis with Advertisements for 311 Call Center [INFORMATION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 7:00- 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs [ACTION]
5. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Consideration of Retiring Medallion #666 from Taxi Fleet [DISCUSSION and ACTION]
7. Consideration of Revocation of the following Color Scheme Companies for non-compliance with MPC Section 1095 and 1147.4 and for failure of Administrative Audit: [ACTION]

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Company Name:
1. KSJ

8. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
9. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
10. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the July 13, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Abdulrahman Boobakr Munassar	Jessica Ivana Yon
Alfred Jerry Benjamin	Larry S. Primeau
Binh Quoc Tran	Mehdi Fazel-Parvar
Charanjit Singh Chohan	Nail Lynn Aung
Chima N. Orji	Vijay Kumar
Edward Ng	Wei Bin Xiong
Eric Brill	William Davis Baque
Jamal Henry Baqleh	

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Roman Katz	1268	Alliance to Luxor
2. Saam Alaee Aryan	9037	Six2six to Yellow Cab
3. Kurt Alan Schmacher	1292	DeSoto to Luxor

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a time waiver:

Applicant Name:	List Number:
1. Antonio Yon	6-590

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for failure to respond after noticed attempt or for declining a **Ramp** Medallion per Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) or Municipal Police Code Section 1081(c) for failure to meet the driving experience required by Section 1148.1 for a ramped taxi permit:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Francis Basada	6-786
2. Gary Habeeb	6-583
3. Richard Lubinski	6-581
4. Serajul Islam	6-584

5. Chen W. Lee*	6-585
6. Chuong S. Ta	6-588
7. Antonio Yon**	6-590
8. Vladimir V. Talian	6-591
9. Seyran Amzayan	6-592
10. William M. Iversen	6-593
11. Abdel Sdaigui***	6-787

*Driver is on Notice Section, Item C: Consideration of the Taxi ɔmmission to grant a time waiver.

** Driver is on Consent Calendar Item D: Consideration of the Taxi ɔmmission to grant a time waiver.

***Continued by the Commission on 07.13.07

Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp axicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Kutay D. Kugay	1085	Luxor Cab	Regular
2. Vladislav Gershman*	xxxx	Black & White Checker	Ramp
3. Thomas Winz	357	DeSoto Cab	Regular
4. Miguel Del Pomar	54	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
5. Laurie Graham	345	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
6. Kam P. Chan	311	DeSoto Cab	Regular

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. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color :heme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Luxor Cab Company
Medallion #s:	333, 435, 572, 1025, 208, 100, 1066, 823,145, 898, 232, 934, 236, 969, 297
Duration of Campaign:	August 6, 2007 - October 28, 2007
Advertiser:	Naked Juice

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:
1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

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following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the August 14, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. William O'Brien*	6-440

*Applicant was previously removed and reinstated to the PC&N Waiting List. This is the second removal-*see memorandum.*

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Calvin Tsui	6-865	Luxor Cab	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a time waiver:

Applicant Name:	List Number:
1. Chen W. Lee	6-585

D1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

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Duration of Campaign:	August 15, 2007 - November 30, 2007
Advertiser:	Kaiser Permanente

D2. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Yellow Cab Coop
Medallion #s:	144, 196, 321, 495, 509, 513, 542, 582, 660, 671, 749, 784, 799, 828, 930, 964, 965, 991
Duration of Campaign:	August 15, 2007 - November 30, 2007
Advertiser:	Kaiser Permanente

E. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	August
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	December 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Formation of policy change working group	June 26, 2007	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**

Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs. What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	September 26, 2006 May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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Taxicab Commission

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

SF
T23
#1
8/14/07

August 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Modifying the Inside of Taxis with Advertisements for 311 Customer Service Center [INFORMATION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
3. Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs [ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 8:00- 8:30 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
5. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Membership and proposed agenda of the Clean Air Working Group and Rules Subcommittee [DISCUSSION]
7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
9. Adjournment

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. Consideration of the Minutes for the July 24, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

			Rocha, Marques

Abood, Aqeel	Danishyar, Najib	Huremovic, Besim	Benedito
Abdella, Abdelfetah	Davis, Shawn Tate	Hussein, Saizad Ali	Sahawneh, Saleem
Abdella, Mostafa	Delima, Uziel Wilson	Kassie, Adimas Melak	Schwartz, Keri Lynn
Adenew, Birhanu Tsigu	Deng, Yuyi	Khan, Hamidullah	Shu, Joseph T.
Aichele, Jr., Harold Lee	Duru, Victor Uzoma	Kokalis, Katherine Maria	Sidorka, Siarhei
Alghaiti, Khaled	Elsaidi, Hafaid Thabit	Kushan, Taha M.	Singh, Hardeep
Asfirane, Samir	Eneh, Eneh Seba	Liu, Jason	Singh, Jagraj
Baillergeau, Andre Ed	Farr, Kieran Lee	Luu, Ky Lam	Singh, Paramjit
Banh, Raymond	Fitton, James E.	Moe, Tin Aung	Tadesse, Molla Wube
Berhe, Medhanie Afeworki	Fufa, Debelo Kekeba	Naing, Nay L.	Tran, Denis
Cerda, Paul De La	Ghaithy, Abdul Wahab	Negron, Michael	Tran, Tan Le
Chan, Kam Keung	Haileselassie, Wolde Gebremeskel	Nurahmed, Mensur Abdelwahab	Vij, Vijay Kumar
Chinzorig, Janchiv	Hlaing, Ye Win	Okny, John	Win, Myat Than
Choudry, Ajaz Ahmed	Hossain, Ghulam Marroof	Peay, William Perrin	Yan, Bing
Cramer, Russell Thomas	Htaik, Yin Min	Phan, Dan C.	Yin, Min Lat
Zecharias, Robel N.			

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and/or submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. William O'Brien*	6-440

*Applicant was previously removed and reinstated back on to the PC&N Waiting List. This is the second removal-*see memorandum*.

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Charles Hawkins	9039	Luxor	Ramp
2. Calvin Tsui*	xxxx	Luxor Cab	Ramp

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E. Consideration to reinstate applicant to the Public Convenience and Necessity Waiting List:

Applicant Name:	List Number:
1. Chen W. Lee	6-585

*Applicant was on notice on July 24, 2007 for a time waiver but was voted ineligible for a ramp medallion permit at the July 24th TXC meeting.

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a time waiver:

Applicant Name:	List Number:
1. Chen W. Lee	6-585

*Applicant was made ineligible for a ramp medallion permit at the July 24, 2007 TXC meeting.

1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme or the following Color Scheme:

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I. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:
1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

*Continued from July 24, 2007- Color Scheme has been summarily uspended

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A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Public Convenience & Necessity waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Gary Martinovsky	6-417

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Danil Levi	6-554
2. Mahmood B. Rudsari*	6-610
3. Telesforo T. Ochoa*	6-596
4. Russell Williams	6-595
5. John D. Gould	6-597
6. Fortunato Brun	6-598
7. Felix Lantsman	6-604
8. Steven G. Law	6-605
9. Kwok M. Lee	6-606

10. Russell G. Snipes	6-608
11. Robert H. Groves*	6-616

*Applicant(s) declined offer for a ramped taxicab medallion permit.

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Frank Feng Chiang	654	Crown to Desoto
2. Ron Fishman	882	Metro to American Taxi
3. Bijan Afshari	1007	Yellow to Royal

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Dispatch Change to:

Color Scheme:	Change:
1. Bay Cab	Black & White Checker to Town Taxi

E. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	August
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Would like for the bike coalition to speak to cyclist and taxi cab safety.	December 2006	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Formation of policy change working group	June 26, 2007	August 14, 2007
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Fog City Worker's Comp	June 12, 2007	August
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
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Gas and Gate meeting		
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

August 14, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

August 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Heinicke; Oneto; Oka; Paek

Absent: 0

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Modifying the Inside of Taxis with Advertisements for 311 Customer Service Center [INFORMATION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

- **Nancy Alfaro, 311:** Reviewed some issues that the Commissioners had at the last meeting. Presented new sticker, which included reporting "illegal limos" to 311.
- **Com Heinicke:** Would like the sticker to have room to place the vehicles medallion number and color scheme. Inquires how the lost and found procedure will operate.
- **Nancy Alfaro:** Sticker can include medallion number and color scheme. If a lost item is a high priority then it will be handled by a manager.
- **Com Heinicke:** If the caller knows the color scheme, why should 311 create a report; 311 should give the caller the number for the color scheme and let them

deal with it together.

- **Com Paek:** Sticker design should be recreated, colors need to be bolder and more visible. Sticker is too small.
- **Com Oneto:** Logo should also have a different shape. When the sun shines, the light will wash out the language since the font is so light.
- **Nancy Alfaro:** Would like consensus from the Commissioners on design.
- **Com Heinicke:** Summarizes the requests for changing the sticker; 311 logo limits space, theme of 311 not needed, color and design should be bold and contrasting.

Public Comments:

- **BillMounsey:** Riding public is indifferent to designs, it should be located on the head rest of the driver's seat, more visible to passengers.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Advertise 311 in the phone book, or on a sticker without all the details.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Keep it simple as possible, no need for the extra work load.
- **TariqMehmood:** Neck rest not a good place for the sticker it will peel off. Too much information keep it simple.
- **Barry Taranto:** Should replace the current sticker in the taxi with this one. Should have input from taxi detail.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan:** Shouldn't place anything on the windows.
- **Sylvia:** Sticker should have color
- **Mark Gruberg:** 311 is supposed to be simple
- **Com Breslin:** Like 311 and wants to advocate the department. However, its relationship with the Taxi Commission changes the dynamics and structure of how things are currently done. Wants to learn more about how calls are tracked. Prefers head rest for sticker, but would like a larger sticker to include passenger bill of rights. Thinks illegal limos should be changed to illegal transportation.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Agrees with everything said but illegal limos should stay on sticker.
- **Com Heinicke:** 311 should be equipped to respond in their script to give a caller the color scheme's number rather than open a report. Should continue item until new sticker design is presented to Commission.
- **Com Oneto:** Who is paying for sticker?

- **Nancy Alfaro:** To summarize, the Commission would like something placed on the head rest, with room from the medallion number and color schemes name to be placed on the sticker with contrasting colors. Will provide more then one sticker to Commissioners.

3. Consideration of Policy on Exterior Design of San Francisco Taxicabs [ACTION]

- **DirMachen :** Overview of item, also includes amendment presented to Commissioners by Mark Gruberg.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Few years ago allowed Luxor to include their insignia without making a policy change.
- **Com Heinicke:** Happy with responses to survey, except from DeSoto.
- **Com Oneto:** If taxi is wrapped, wheel well to wheel well will be covered, customers not able to distinguish color scheme.
- **Com Heinicke:** Only discussing slogan, not identification of taxi.

Public Comments:

- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan:** Would like to place "To Impeach is Patriotic" on back of taxi. Wants ad approved based on first amendment right.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Allow additional amendment and insignia. Allowed Luxor, when there wasn't a policy, but now creating a policy. More allowances for commercial speech than for company advertisement.
- **Com Benjamin:** Congratulations on award but what if you receive two more awards, would those also be placed on vehicle? Each company should pay for such placement on vehicles.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Should have a time limit for placement of such insignias. Bumper stickers are an issue and should be limited.
- **Steve Murray:** Speaking on behalf of Grasshopper, Commission should reimburse Grasshopper's money if they do not approve color scheme change.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Didn't know bumper stickers were included in the resolution, 2/3 taxis have bumper stickers.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Should not allow Green Cab to include insignia.
- **Com Oneto:** If Commission approves insignia, then it will be regulating content, not intention of Commission.

- **City Attorney:** Yes, definitely.
- **Com Heinicke:** If Green Cab wanted to use insignia with limited font they could under this resolution. Motion to approve Resolution and should read as follows for slogan;

  1. It may only be changed 1 number of times per year;
  2. Font size will be no larger than 2 inches;
  3. Placement only from wheel well to wheel well part of the vehicle;
  4. There will be a grace period of 3 months for any company not presently in compliance to obtain compliance with this rule.

- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion
- **Roll call**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek Heinicke
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

SPECIAL ORDER 8:00- 8:30 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Name:** lives downtown and sees many illegal taxis. Some cabs take credit cards and others do not their should be some consistency. Welsh medallions should be returned.
- **Zuhair:** UTW does not represent him. Can Welsh's be sued for creating all this?
- **Thomas George Williams:** UTW only represents members. UTW does not own Welsh medallions.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Illegal limos are an over the top issue. Limos pick up people over the weekend. Taxi detail doesn't seem to care. All they do are check waybills.
- **Barry Taranto:** Outreach should be done about Bay Bridge closing and alternate routes available to cross bridge. Illegal limousines at Sheraton. Unfair, taxi drivers should follow laws why shouldn't illegal limos.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Channel 7, ABC covered story of missing trumpets.
- **Jaswinder:** UTW does not represent him.

- **Tariq Mehmood:** UTW member said they only represent their own members. But previous pamphlets said not to drive Welsh medallions, than UTW won settlement and now use/drive medallions.
- **David Basada:** Filed case with Superior Court against Commission.
- **Bashir Rahimi:** Problems with illegal limos. No dispatch after midnight at airport is a problem. SFO to hire more investigators especially at Untied and international terminal.

5. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Recuse items C, D & H

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto:** Should not have controversial item on consent calendar. It should be its own item.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Agendas should be available on the table.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Charles Hawkins dedicated driver will be great ramp medallion holder.
- **Carl McMurdo:** Knows William O'Brien for years, mail was compromised because of where he lives.
- **John Trap:** William O'Brien's hard of hearing, will speak on his behalf. Moved postal service did not forward mail. Appreciates any consideration.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Reinstating O'Brien would not place him ahead of anyone on the list.
- **Dir Machen:** Removal tonight will be for failure to respond to two letters sent by the Commission. Has not driven for 5 years. If he applies and is given an ADA accommodation he may still be eligible to receive medallion.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve consent calendar
- **Com Oka :** Seconds motion
- **Voice vote**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek Heinicke
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Item C:**
- **Com Oka :** Motion to leave William O'Brien on the medallion waiting list
- **Com Breslin: 2nd motion**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka
NOES: Oneto, Paek Heinicke
ABSENT: 0
RECUSED: 0

- **Item D:**
- **Com Oka :** Comments Hawkins passed PCC interview and all committee questions.
- **Charles Hawkins:** Driver for 4 years and will be dedicated medallion holder.
- **Com Heinicke: Motion to approve Charles Hawkins for a ramp medallion**
- **Com Oka: 2nd motion**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Paek Heinicke
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Item H:**
- **Continued to call of the chair.**

6. Membership and proposed agenda of the Clean Air Working Group and Rules Subcommittee [DISCUSSION]

- **Dir Machen:** Overview of the memo.

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto:** Include these agendas, times and dates on the website. List days of the week. Some rules are not being enforced; rules subcommittee should look at

that. Parking cabs on lots should be addressed.

- **Jim Gillespie:** Should look into mandating the green fleet later in the year. Should alert companies how many taxis they will need annually to meet the 2011 goal.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Not sure if that can be done by the next meeting.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Recommends Joe Mirable for Green Committee, knows a lot about the industry.
- **Thomas George Williams:** One rule states that a rule book should be in every cab.

7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Reads report.

Taxi Commissioner Announcements:

- **Com Breslin:** Blue Angels and Fleet week economic boom to the economy and taxi industry. Proposes Taxi Commission to prepare a Resolution to send to the Board of Supervisors in support of the Blue Angels.
- **Com Oka :** MTA promised debit card plan and should present findings before the Commission.
- **Com Heinicke:** Illegal limos #1 driver issue, availability of taxis is consumer's #1 issue. Other factors related to availability are traffic patterns, dispatch issues and peak times for certain areas. Proposed two questions to City Attorney 1. Could Commission allow peak-time medallions? 2. Can a driver on the medallion waiting list be removed if they do not accept a peak-time medallion? Answer to both questions is yes. This would not violate Prop K. Requests a hearing in the near future on these findings.
- **Com Benjamin:** Hold up with the Board of Supervisors on increase of gas and gate is not reasonable. Commission met April 1, 2007 deadline. Board is ignoring this and will be recessing for summer break.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Long over due frustration on this issue. Any Commissioner with Supervisor relationships should contact them.
- **Com Oka :** Maybe Commission should send a stronger resolution to the Board

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto:** Blue Angels are a good for the economy, need the business.
- **Mark Gruberg:** April was deadline for healthcare plan which driver's have been fighting for 2003.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Limos important issue. Don't add more cabs then look into illegal limo issue.
- **LaurieGraham:** Saw limo driver parked at coffee shop, whose medallion and A card were revoked by the Commission.
- **Com Heinicke:** Are limo driver's licensed by the PUC? If so then why are they licensing such drivers? What kind of background is done on the drivers?

8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Tom Stanghellini:** Make hotel parking zones all white and only allow taxis to park there and fine $400 for violators.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Number of comments made against UTW. UTW has done a lot; worked Assembly Mark Leno, sponsored legislation per their request.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Odisho
Executive Secretary

Taxicab Commission

August 28, 2007

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

August 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Modifying the Inside of Taxis with Information for 311 Customer Service Center [INFORMATION and ACTION]
3. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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[1.] Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.

[2.] Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel.
(San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)) [ACTION ITEM]

[3.] Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION [ACTION ITEM]

(a) *Slone v. Taxi Commission*;
U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal. No. C 07 335 EDL
[City as defendant]

(b) *United Taxicab Workers v. Yellow Cab Cooperative*;
San Francisco Superior Court No. 457-561
[City as intervener-plaintiff]

(c) *Breall v. Taxi Commission*;
San Francisco Superior Court Nos. 460-436, 505-798
[City as defendant]

[4.] Reconvene in open session:

(a) Possible report on action taken in closed session.
(Government Code sec. 54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(b)(2).) [ACTION ITEM]

(b) Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session.
(San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a))
[ACTION ITEM]

SPECIAL ORDER 8:30- 9:00 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
5. Cyclist and Taxi Cab Safety: [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
   a. Including welcome letters in informational package new drivers receive
   b. Informational item on bicycle safety/share the road;
   c. Adding a Bike Safety section to Taxi Driver training in addition to bicycle and pedestrian safety;
   d. Mandating usage of "Look Before You Leap" and "watch for bikes" stickers;
6. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
7. Forming and Appointing Members to the Clean Air Working Group. [ACTION]
8. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
9. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
10. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the August 14, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:
* None to report at this time.

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Gary Martinovsky	6-417

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Danil Levi	6-554
2. Mahmood B. Rudsari*	6-610
3. Telesforo T. Ochoa*	6-596
4. Russell Williams	6-595
5. John D. Gould	6-597
6. Fortunato Brun	6-598
7. Felix Lantsman	6-604
8. Steven G. Law	6-605
9. Kwok M. Lee	6-606
10. Russell G. Snipes	6-608
11. Robert H. Groves*	6-616

*Applicant(s) declined offer for a ramped taxicab medallion permit.

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Frank Feng Chiang	654	Crown to Desoto
2. Ron Fishman	882	Metro to American Taxi
3. Bijan Afshari	1007	Yellow to Royal

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Dispatch Change to:

Color Scheme:	Change:
1. Bay Cab	Black & White Checker to Town Taxi

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the September 11, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Leonid Slootsky	6-633	Ramp
2. Gerald Cassidy	6-661	Ramp
3. Jong Ho Oh	6-677	Ramp
4. Steven L. Keys	6-462	Regular

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Philip Teri	xxxx	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Jaime O. Meza*	6-622
2. Arkady Dvoskin*	6-619

**Applicant(s) declined ramp offer.*

D. Consideration of Taxi Commission to Allow Medallion Holder to Park Taxi at Alternate Site:

Applicant Name:	Medallion #:	Alternate Site:	Color Scheme:
1. Tesfaldet Joseph	303	Home	DeSoto

E. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation: (Copies of Complaints available for viewing during business hours at the Taxi Commission office)

a. Sylvia Dudum medallion number 1102, seven violations of MPC Section 1090, 1081(f) and previous admonishments for failure to meet driving requirement for years 2000- 2007.

b. Jack Dudum medallion number 1166, seven violations of MPC Section 1090, 1081(f) and previous admonishments for failure to meet driving requirement for years 2000 -2007.

c. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section 1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Dat
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Resolution in support of Blue Angels	August 14, 2007	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
MTA presentation regarding debit card program	August 14, 2007	
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke		**Planned Hearing Dat**
PC&N hearing with findings made by City Attorney	August 14, 2007	
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background	June 12, 2007	
Gas and Gate meeting		
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Dat**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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Absent: None

* Commissioners Breslin and Heinicke were absent when voting for Items 2 & 6

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

- **Heidi Machen, Executive Director**: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

(Taken out of order)

6. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Items A, C, D, E 1 & E 2 & F**
- **Com Oka :** Motion to approve
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion
- **Voice vote**

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AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: 0

ABSENT: Breslin, Heinicke **RECUSED: 0**

- **Item E 3**
- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: 0

ABSENT: Breslin, Heinicke RECUSED: Gillespie

2. **Modifying the Inside of Taxis with Information for 311 Customer Service Center [INFORMATION and ACTION]**

- **Ed Reiskin, Executive Director of 311-** Overview and update on past items and questions. 311 will not be tracking items if callers directly work with color schemes.
- **Pres Gillespie:** What's the difference between high and low priority?
- **Ed Reiskin:** High priorities are laptops, medical prescriptions, wallets and identifications. Low priorities are cell phones, pagers.
- **Com Breslin:** Why should Taxi Detail is involved in lost and found process?
- **Ed Reiskin:** Issue between taxi commission and taxi detail is not his decision. 311 answer telephone calls for taxi detail, which handles complaints.
- **Com Breslin:** How many lost and found calls do the color schemes versus taxi detail receive?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Does this sticker replace the current card in the vehicles?
- **Com Paek:** Would like to see the City logo on the card and 311's. Will work with the department on the logo.
- **Com Breslin:** Has the Commission decided on either the sticker or card?
- **Com Benjamin:** Would prefer card.
- **Dir Machen:** Reads Resolution
- **Com Breslin:** Would like to amend Resolution with a sunset clause in order to see how 311 are working.

Public Comments:

- **Charles Cesano:** Should have central place for all lost property.

- **John Lazar:** Who pays for the 311 service? Color scheme doesn't pay for doing any of it.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Signage on cabs would be an issue. Urges to replace card with sticker, do not duplicate.
- **Grasshopper:** City should have one central lost and found location.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Keep it simple.
- **Thomas George Williams:** 311 are great service 32 companies, customers do not know.
- **Barry Taranto:** Likes new sticker design.
- **Com Breslin:** Make sticker voluntary and not mandatory. What's the rule on stickers on the windows?
- **Dir Machen:** Addressed at last meeting, vehicle codes allows for the sticker to be placed on the window.
- **Com Breslin:** This venture with the color schemes crosses into a relationship with private business. Is the Department ready to deal with that?
- **Pres Gillespie:** 311 sticker in NY mandatory and working well. Sunset clause labels it experimental. Can always change it in a later resolution.
- **Com Breslin:** Would like sunset in order to revisit the issue in the future.
- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve resolution
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion
- **Com Breslin:** Would like the passenger/driver bill of rights to be included as well.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek **NOES: 0**

ABSENT: Heinicke **RECUSED: 0**

3. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

[1.] Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.

[2.] Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel.

(San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d)) [ACTION ITEM]

[3.] Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and

San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

[ACTION ITEM]

(a) ***Slone v. Taxi Commission*;**

U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal. No. C 07 335 EDL

[City as defendant]

(b) ***United Taxicab Workers v. Yellow Cab Cooperative*;**

San Francisco Superior Court No. 457-561

[City as intervener-plaintiff]

(c) ***Brealll v. Taxi Commission*;**

San Francisco Superior Court Nos. 460-436, 505-798

[City as defendant]

[4.] Reconvene in open session:

(a) Possible report on action taken in closed session. (Government Code sec. 54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(b)(2).) [ACTION ITEM]

(b) Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session.

(San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a)) [ACTION ITEM]

- **Dir Machen:** Overview of cases.

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto:** Disappointed Commissioner Heinicke is not here. No information available on any of these cases.
- **Pres Gillespie:** What documents are available?
- **City Attorney:** Everything can be accessed from the Superior Courts website.
- **Dir Machen:** Documents are also available in our office.
- **Name:** Urge to vote down Yellow lawsuit.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** UTW confused lawsuit. Controller's report conflicting plan not feasible. Taxi Commission heath plan possible but not initially.
- **Robert Cesano:** Puzzled on why Taxi Commission is getting involved in this case. 2-

tier system; no one ever mentioned gate should be lowered. Controller's report was not clear. Let UTW and Yellow deal with it.

- **Mian Asad:** Has worked for Yellow for 4 years and has no complaints against Yellow Cab. If there is an overcharging issue, there shouldn't be a lawsuit.
- **Rich Hybels:** All Commissioners' were not around in 2005; reads a 2005 statement spoken at Board of Appeals hearing.
- **Naeem Mazhar:** Most points have already been addressed regarding Yellow and UTW; lots of confusion among drivers.
- **Jaswinder Uppal:** Received a lot of information from UTW.
- **Mohammed Booya:** Yellow invests a lot of money in color scheme, always has new taxi cabs.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Joe Breall should get same treatment as everyone else.
- **Sergio:** UTW should not represent drivers. This case should not go through.
- **KC:** Has been a Yellow driver for 2 years, good company.
- **Charles Rathbone:** City has been silent for years on gates, they should withdraw their lawsuit.
- **Shyam:** Yellow cab driver, was a UTW member. Needed help with health care but couldn't get it from them.
- **Hansu Kim:** Worked on language for gas and gate, has correspondence with Kelly and Naomi that gate been $91.50 with worker's compensation.
- **Ruah Graffis:** Illegal for Yellow to increase gas and gate.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Asked Taxi Commission to intervene before lawsuit.
- **Mark Gruberg:** All 3 lawsuits have something in common; exercising invaluable right in this society.
- **BillMounsey:** UTW for 16 years, doesn't agree with everything they do, but they do a good job.
- **Com Paek:** Motions to go into closed session
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke RECUSED: 0

****Return from Closed Session**

- **City Attorney:** Taxi Commissioners conferred with consel on items listed on the agenda
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to not disclose matters discussed in closed session
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Heinicke NOES: 0

ABSENT: Breslin, Paek RECUSED: 0

SPECIAL ORDER 8:30- 9:00 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Bob Vitcha:** Showed pictures of illegal taxi cabs posing as "Yellow cabs".
- **Barry Taranto:** No help from taxi detail on taxi stands. Everyone is parking in the zones.
- **Mohammed Booya:** Every Friday and Saturday illegal limos soliciting and picking up fare. UTW should give back medallions.
- **Grasshopper:** Summarily suspended but continues to drive vehicle has not been pulled over. All taxi cab marking removed.
- **Hansu Kim:** Is now a MTA consultant working on debit card program. Presentation to the Commission on September 25, 2007.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Showed videotape of Thomas George Williams before settlement of Welsh medallions encouraging drivers to not operate the medallions.
- **Muhd Ishfaq:** Commission should create fund to help drivers pay for health care, increase either A card or airport fee.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Used to single shift because it was a risk aversion, wanted to maximize profits by working longer hours. Gave it up because he became tired and exposed if sick or injured.
- **Zuahir:** Remembers when he was told to not drive Welsh medallions, now they drive them. Confusing issue. When asked UTW why they drove Welsh medallions, he was told, there weren't many options.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Two way street- Yellow making money too. Limos are now making left turns on taxi only streets. No tickets are being issued. Police officers are allowing taxis at hotels.
- **Dan Hinds:** Joe Breall working with National for years.
- **Rich Hybels:** Asked Taxi Commission to address limo issue at airport. Nothing has happened. $150 million improvements at airport but nothing done about illegal limo picking up there.

5. Cyclist and Taxi Cab Safety: [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

a. Including welcome letters in informational package new drivers receive

b. Informational item on bicycle safety/share the road;

c. Adding a Bike Safety section to Taxi Driver training in addition to bicycle and pedestrian safety;

d. **Mandating usage of "Look Before You Leap" and "watch for bikes"**

stickers;

- **Rachel Kraai and Razzu Mitos, SF Bicycle Coalition:** Overview of documents they would like to distribute to the taxi schools and new drivers.

Public Comments:

- **Ruah Graffis:** Razzu has been attending and teaching her classes enjoys having him.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Too many coalitions. Biggest concern, do cyclists know how to use bicycles? Drivers are professional.
- **Steve Murray:** Contention is with passengers opening taxi doors without looking. Feasibility study should be done on how to lock doors before passenger opens it.
- **Robert Vitcha:** 16 year bicycle rider, proposals make sense should be added and considered. Side view mirror sticker not a good idea. SFBC should continue to educate cyclists. Bicycle license good idea.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Admirable goal, but signage in vehicle will be an issue.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Can't stop passengers from opening door. 80% of cyclists are bad riders. Terrible problem especially on Valencia Street.
- **Ron Fishman:** Cyclists are inconsiderate. When dropping off passengers in bike lanes, has been attacked. No consideration.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Reminder; we share the road.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Agrees with Rathbone, training is important. Will be helpful.
- **Robert Cesano:** White zone enforcement must happen for taxis to operate and so taxis don't double park. More training gets added on every year, time consuming and costs more.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Tension between both sides, but mutually beneficial- less cars on the road. Stickers may help in some instances.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Recommends training not stickers.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Met with Rachel and Razzu, many comments taken into consideration. Agrees with all their proposals. But not sure about mirror sticker.
- **Com Breslin:** Likes literature, what is the accountability for the cyclists? License is a good idea, sense of accountability. Letter would have to stay current.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Hold off on passing, in order for the Rules Committee to review.
- **Com Paek:** What is the goal of the sticker?

7. Forming and Appointing Members to the Clean Air Working Group. [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Overview
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like to change a few things. 1. Change name from Clean Air Working Group to Clean Taxi Working Group 2. 2nd resolve clause to include taxi commission president. 3. Change further resolve clause to include 2 additional commissioners who are voting members and up to 25 additional non-voting members.
- **Com Paek:** Motion to adopt resolution and changes
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion.

- **Voice vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek, Heinicke NOES: 0

  ABSENT: 0
  RECUSED: 0

8. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Overview
- **Sergeant Reynolds:** Update and overview
- **Com Heinicke:** Can staff issue administrative tickets to limousines?
- **Sergeant Reynolds:** Will look into that and get back to the Commission.

Commissioners Announcements:

- **Com Benjamin:** Blessing of the cabs Wednesday and Friday
- **Com Breslin:** Would like Blue Angels Resolution to be considered

Public Comments:

- **Mary McGuire:** Received admonishment from Taxi Commission for a fee owed to the Tax Collector's office.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Administrative fine great idea.
- **Charles Cesano:** Does not trust staff for hiring of new investigators.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Approves staff hiring more investigators.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Doesn't agree with reprimands for not driving your own medallion.
- **Hansu Kim:** Assembly Bill would cut off illegal limo driver's phones
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Believes tickets should be issued to anyone parked in white zones.
- **Thomas George Williams:** More information on Proposition A can be found at www.utw.com
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Regents does not have worker's compensation.

9. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Mary McGuire:** Wants letter from our office clarifying and correcting mistake.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Clarified dates and times for Blessing of Fleets.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Regents cab has worker's compensation, comment earlier not true.
- **Thomas George Williams:**Proposition A, no proper discussion, no public control.

10. Adjournment

Taxicab Commission

September 11, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

September 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Adopting a Design for 311 Customer Service Information Card [ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 - 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
5. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation:

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a. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 123.

6. Audit Report [Information]
   a. 2007 Color Scheme Audit Results
   b. 2005 Medallion Holder Proposition K and Waybills Results
7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
8. Resolution Supporting Blue Angels and Fleet Week [ACTION]
9. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
10. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the August 28, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Abess Basma	Altmir Araujo	Haile Afeworki Bahlbi	Mohamed Jafar I Patel	Simon C Njoku
Abubaker Ibrahim Elamin	Cheay Gebru	Harry Doherty	Obaid Abdulla Mohamed Saleh	Soufiane Mongi Jabli
Ahmed S Mahmoud	Dennis Mahfud	Malek Merrouche	Peter Kun Lei	Tai Thanh Nguyen
Alex M Reis	Elizeu Cordeiro De Souza	Malim Badshah	Salam Wai Alfragi	Xue han
Ali R Salafian	Fernando Cesar Vasconelos	Mohamad Jamal Nasser	Saw Toe Toe	Zeljan Juricevic

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Leonid Slootsky	6-633	Ramp
2. Gerald Cassidy	6-661	Ramp
3. Jong Ho Oh	6-677	Ramp
4. Steven L. Keys	6-462	Regular

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Philip Teri	854	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
2. Calvin Tsui*	9076	Luxor Cab	Ramp
3. Vladislav Gershman*	9077	Black & White Checker	Ramp
4. Francis Gonzales*	9078	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Ramp

**Applicant was noticed at a previous meeting(s) pending BOA decision on new PC&N medallions.*

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080 (c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Jaime O. Meza*	6-622
2. Arkady Dvoskin*	6-619

**Applicant(s) declined ramp offer.*

F. Consideration of Taxi Commission to Allow Medallion Holder to Park Taxi at Alternate Site:

Applicant Name:	Medallion #:	Alternate Site:	Color Scheme:
1. Tesfaldet Joseph	303	Home, Redwood City	DeSoto

**Denied by Taxi Detail*

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a New Color Scheme to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	New Company Name:

1. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan	9062	Grasshopper Cab

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the September 25, 2007 hearing.

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme r the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Arrow Cab Company
Medallion #s:	278, 279, 282, 283, 285, 286
Duration of Campaign:	October 1, 2007 - October 31, 2007
Advertiser:	CTIA-Wireless I.T. & Entertainment

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Aron Rushinsky	696	Royal to SF Taxi Cab Co
2. Solomon Makkonnen	281	Yellow Cab to DeSoto Cab
3. James Lam	990	American to Luxor
4. Hikmut U Pople	1177	Luxor to DeSoto Cab
5. Fadel Jawdat Zaru	942	DeSoto to Royal Taxi

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Linda P. Wong*	6-617	17. James E. Holmes	6-647
2. William H. Naylor	6-611	18. Hermenegildo J. Trinidad	6-648
3. William Tam	6-613	19. Ferdinand Relosimon	6-649
4. Kiumars Yaghoubi	6-615	20. Donato J. Relosimon	6-650
5. Jehad J. Baqleh	6-621	21. Jovito J. Relosimon	6-651
6. Jignasa Patel	6-626	22. Jimmy Yiu	6-660
7. Rupinder K. Johal*	6-639	23. Yury Smilovitsky	6-662
8. Anthony R. Coate	6-627	24. Bhagwant S. Dhillon	6-665
9. Devin C. Walker*	6-629	25. Prabhjot Kaur	6-669
10. Gary K. Robb	6-631	26. Debi J. Vaughn	6-671
11. Steven E. Cloer	6-634	27. Marina Zhalkovsky	6-673
12. Raphael Wolfson	6-635	28. Brian Loi	6-675
13. Valeriy Galatenko	6-640	29. Wai C. Ip	6-676
14. Aleksandr Geyler	6-641	30. Eugene Samsonov	6-678
15. Thomas M. Drewry	6-642	31. Maria Samsonov	6-679
16. Grayson S. Bourne	6-644	32. Samson Lai	6-680

**Applicant declined ramp offer.*

. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp axicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Tesfaye Chuffa	6-645	Luxor Cab	Ramp

E. Consideration of Taxi Commission to Allow Medallion Holder to Park Taxi at Alternate Site:

Applicant Name:	Medallion #:	Alternate Site:	Color Scheme:
1. Sonny Tam	318	Home, SF	Fog City

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.		
MTA presentation regarding debit card program	August 14, 2007	
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke		**Planned Hearing Date**
PC&N hearing with findings made by City Attorney	August 14, 2007	
Letter to be sent to State Legislatures regarding licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background	June 12, 2007	
Gas and Gate meeting		
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

Public Comment may be limited to two minutes for a specific item number depending on the number of speakers. Copies of the Commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available upon request at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, each Business day from 9am to 4pm (Documents distributed are in parenthesis) Copies of obtainable documents may be viewed or obtained at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458.

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

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Commission Chambers

September 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Breslin (late); Benjamin; Heinicke (late); Oneto; Oka; Paek

Absent: 0

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Adopting a Design for 311 Customer Service Information Card [ACTION]**

- **Director Machen:** Overview of Resolution and item.
- **Com Paek:**Motions to adopt version 10

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesana:** Prominence of signs in vehicles an issue for riders.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Illegal limo needs to be capitalized.
- **Com Oka:** 2nds motion with amendment to "illegal limos"
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke

RECUSED: 0

4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Recommends to continue Item G and sever items D1, D2, D4, & F

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Philip Teri good driver and so is Calvin Tsu but sad because will be losing employee at airport. Item F, if it's denied by Taxi Detail why is it on the calendar?
- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve items A, B,C, D3 and E2
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion.
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke

RECUSED: 0

- **Item D1**
- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Heinicke, Oka, Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke

RECUSED: Gillespie

- **Item D2**
- **Com Paek:** Motion to approve
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke

RECUSED: Benjamin

- **Item D4**
- **Dir Machen:** Reviews staff memo
- **Com Oka:** Ramp certificate expired as of 2006 not certified and therefore not qualified.
- **Com Breslin:** Has he asked for a time waiver.
- **Dir Machen:** He has not asked for one but would be entitled to one.
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion to not approve or grant ramp medallion.
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion
- **Frances Gonzales:** Did not fill out waybill properly or would reflect he picked up. Received 2nd ramp offer letter and began driving in 2003 with Yellow.
- **Com Oneto:** Did staff mention your waybills were short?
- **FG:** No
- **Com Oka:** Mr. Gonzales why didn't you renew your certificate when it expired?
- **FG:** Didn't know had to.
- **Com Benjamin:** Even if we grant the ramp will he be committed?
- **(6:55 PM Commissioner Heinicke arrives)**
- **Com Oneto:** To give someone a medallion who doesn't seem interested is a concern.
- **Com Breslin:** Is not a long time driver, needs to re-evaluate his approach.
- **Com Breslin:** Motion and 2nd are on the floor let's take a vote.

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Heinicke

RECUSED: Gillespie

- **Item F**
- **Dir Machen:** Overview; Staff has been gradually assuming Taxi Detail's administrative duties, currently we are at 95%.
- **Tesfaldet Joseph:** Single shift driver was told to fill out form and is now denied. Only transportation he has.
- **Pres Gillespie:** He's being denied because he lives in Redwood City?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, because SFPD has no jurisdiction.
- **Com Benjamin:** Where is your vehicle parked?
- **TJ:** In my driveway.
- **Com Breslin:** How many other taxis are parked off site?
- **Dir Machen:** No others
- **Com Heinicke:** Aren't other taxis parked off site? Frustrated with single-shifters, when do you drive?
- **TJ:** Monday through Friday 2-10 PM.
- **Dir Machen:** Not sure if anyone else does.
- Item continued until Sergeant Reynolds arrives.

7:55pm Item 4 continued

- **Sgt Reynolds:** Cannot approve application if driver is out of our jurisdiction.
- **Dir Machen:** PC&N doesn't restrict single shifting.
- **City Attorney:** Falls to the Taxi Commissions discretion whether Proposition K allows single-shift
- **Com Heinicke:** Single-shifting should be operating during peak-time
- **Roll call**
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion to not allow parking off lot
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT:0

RECUSED: 0

SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 – 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Chuffa:** Lots of infighting between Yellow and UTW, not sure who this will favor. Requesting UTW withdraw lawsuit. Need to unite to avoid passage of Prop A.
- **Ishfaq**: Please return medallions. Can we check if other companies are charging the same gas and gate?
- **Charles Rathbone**: Displaying to the Commission alternative sticker for the Bicycle Coalition proposal.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Should email the Bicycle Coalition.
- **Robert Vitcha:** Taxi Commission should remove medallion holders home addresses from the web. Displaying pictures of poser Yellow cabs he took in the City.
- **Mohammed:** Saw many poser Yellow taxis, especially during peak times. Town and Black & White Checker only take credit card fares to the airport, staff should look into this.
- **Jackie Sachs:** San Mateo ramp vehicles picking up in the City, is it legal? Are they licensed?
- **Mark Gruberg:** Illegal limo strike 7am – 5 PM economic crime of immense proportions. Millions of dollars lost every year.
- **Com Breslin:** Public opinion does not represent Commission.
- **Name:** Speaking on behalf of Grasshopper. Grasshopper called him when woman was in his vehicle, he was worried about her reaction.
- **Barry Taranto:** Part of Com Breslin's disclaimer comes because she works for the hotels. 49ers game, sea of limos called DPT but nothing was done. Need better collaboration during events.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Hotels filled with illegal limos.
- **Com Breslin:** Whose duty is it to clear white zones?
- **Robert Cesana:** Mayor wants all Commissioners to resign, Proposition A will do away with Commission. Asks Commission to reevaluate Director. All items on the agenda approved by Director not Commission.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Picked up hotel manager of Phoenix hotel and told him "no pay no play." She said she uses Town because they pay. Long term leases driving long hours.
- **Dilbert:** Driving with Yellow since 1991. How much is UTW getting for medallions?
- **Ray:** Bothered since no agendas are on the table.

5. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation: [ACTION]

a. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11,

5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item Continued to next meeting.

6. Audit Report [Information]

a. 2007 Color Scheme Audit Results

b. 2005 Medallion Holder Proposition K and Waybills Results

- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** Overview
- **Pres Gillespie:** First time staff is conducting this, used to be done sporadically by Taxi Detail.
- **Com Heinicke:** First offense admonishment second should be revocation. If there is a driving requirement and drivers are not following the rules, medallions should be revoked.
- **Dir Machen:** Gaining access to medallion holders files were difficult before because files were at taxi detail but we now have the files.
- **Com Heinicke:** How many 2nd time violators? We should revoke 2nd time Prop K violators.
- **Com Breslin:** We should vote on that since there are differences of opinions.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** 18-20 Post K violators with Royal.
- **Com Benjamin:** How can we enforce through color scheme when they are not performing their duties? Waste of staff time and resources if the color schemes are not doing their part.
- **Dir Machen:** Only color scheme requirement is to fax a weekly statement that waybills have been turned in. That has only been enforced since August of this year.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Audit is first in several years. Tedious and time consuming appreciates commissioners' comments but must have facts in order before case brought before Commission.
- **Com Oka:** Problems stem from what should have been done. Should have had a mechanism to clarify rules in order to comply with rules.
- **Com Paek:** Truth in all that is said, there is only so much staff can do. Must protect them from over stretching and burn out. Should revisit budget.
- **Com Benjamin:** Can we focus our resources on one point? If we clean house we should do it now.

Public Comment:

- **Bill Mounsey:** Appreciate staff's hard work. Cab industry is corrupt. Up to the Commission to do something.

- **Barry Taranto:** Should take this seriously, medallion holders are a high power and should be aware of how to fill out waybills. Staff should write letters to medallion holders as to how to fill out way bills.
- **Robert Cesana:** Most disputes are confusion of rules and regulations. Medallion holders were told by Detail to not worry about filling out waybills.
- **Jim Gillespie:** We posted workers' compensation in office. Believes there are several medallion holders who need to be admonished, but many work shifts. How many are under ADA?
- **Charles Rathbone:** Disabled medallion holders receiving admonishments. Wrong impression sent out. Waybills have no business purpose.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** 96 corporate medallions, whose looking into those? Looking forward to Rules Subcommittee. On busy Friday night how good are waybills?
- **Chuffa:** Admonished for waybill. Problem is no enforcement. Should have standards on filling out waybills.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Should focus on egregious violators. Board of Appeals directive to Taxi Commission. Drive your own medallion difficult rule.
- **Mary McGuire:** Do the comments Heidi made that 50% are violators include small violations?
- **Emil Lawrence:** Based on report Taxi Commission has 3 sets of rules; pre-k, post k and corporate. No rules for corporate and pre-k.
- **Name:** Worked in marketing, City has tremendous potential to make a lot of money. City should step in to ensure outer areas are being serviced.
- **MarkGruberg:** Comments that 175 violators are ADA do not add up.
- **Hansu Kim:** There isn't a graceful way of giving up ones medallion.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Agrees there should be an exit for older drivers. Should invest more staff resources into audits. Electronic swipe cards to replace waybills.
- **TariqMehmood:** 175 violators serious thing. Anyone who doesn't drive should be revoked.
- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Fingerprint technology possible $275. Corporate medallions under investigation. Read Sgt Simpson's transcript on drive your own medallion rule and he didn't give a specific number on driving.
- **Com Heinicke:** Administrative fines less important. City has valuable asset on streets and only one stipulation is to drive. Staff to identify violators and present list before Commission
- **Com Breslin:** Drive your own medallion should not be apart of the admonishments since Commission agreed no one would receive admonishments based on that. Would like standards for revocation and taxi rules for driving over the years.
- **Com Heinicke:** Many are in compliance but would like staff to list second time violators.
- **Com Benjamin:** Agrees not convinced drive your own medallion rule. Admonishments should be held off. Any law needs two things respect or fear.
- **Pres Gillespie:** All Commissioners agree. If a more specific Resolution is needed then we should set it forth.

- **Com Breslin:** I do not agree, with driving requirement.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Under Naomi Little BOA overturned many complaints. This is by far the best Taxi Commission and staff we have had in 10 years.
- **Com Benjamin:** Can we prioritize a list?
- **Com Heinicke:** Doesn't want a list, but would like staff to match up who had received a 2nd admonishment.

7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Director Machen:** Overview.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** overview. Would like to include illegal limos in police officer and higher officer training. MPC prohibits Detail or staff to issue administrative fines.
- **Com Benjamin:** Can Sheriff's issue administrative fine?
- **Com Gillespie:** We should agendize this item.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Worked ball park on Saturday illegal limos are out of control.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Times and dates of Subcommittee should be posted ahead of time. Ball park parking for taxis should be reevaluated.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Ironic that Commission staff worry about waybills when illegal limos are out.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Make taxi only zones and ticket anyone who is parked and not a taxi.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Ball park mis-planning for taxis. Driving difficult because of limos.
- **Barry Korngold:** Astounding that illegal limos are getting away with this.
- **Mary McGuire:** Good money to be made at ball park/ Picks up at 5th inning always people leaving early.
- **Hansu Kim:** Noticed over the years taxis were never looked at as an integral part of transportation.
- **Robert Cesana:** Reporting to Taxi Commission is illegal, only should report if someone is breaking the rules.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Puzzled that Taxi Commission has impasse on issuing fines.
- **Bill Mounsey:** There are laws that make it illegal for limos to pick up off the street.
- **Name:** Long term lease $40k/year, limos can be purchased for $10k but don't have to pay anyone.

8. Resolution Supporting Blue Angels and Fleet Week [ACTION]

- **Com Breslin:** Commend staff for putting it together. Valuable resolution.

Public Comment:

- **Robert Cesana:** Should promote all these events and should have taxi stands.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Civic pride, good for business.
- **Barry Korngold:** Recently passed Resolution for Clean Fleet, this creates so much pollution.
- **Thomas George Williams:** In past these events have killed people.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Good business on 9-11-01
- **Com Oneto:** Amend "sky line"
- **Com Breslin:** Amend ¼ century.
- **Com Oka:** Motion to approve with those amendments
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion
- **Roll Call**

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke Oneto, Paek

NOES: 0

ABSENT:0

RECUSED: 0

9. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Carl Macmurdo:** Doesn't agree with drive your own medallion rule. Not stated in Proposition K. If that should be the rule, Commission should create that.
- **Barry Korngold:** CNG/hybrid wishes there were more vehicles. Blue Angeles day cancels out hybrid initiative. CNG no much trunk room. Hybrids not practical taxis.
- **Rich Hybels:** Responds to remarks Dan Hinds made the week before.
- **Corey lamb:** Urged Police Commission to look into gypsy cab issue.
- **Hansu Kim:** Thursday MTA outreach meeting at 1: oo PM 1 S Van Ness 3rd Floor.
- **Mary McGuire:** Grasshopper repeatedly driving and picking up customers.

10. Adjournment

Taxicab Commission

September 25, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

September 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Update on Paratransit Debit Swipe Program [INFORMATION]

107 SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 - 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation of Public Passenger Vehicle Permit 9062, A Card Permit P44-50373 and Grasshopper Color Scheme: [ACTION]

a. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3,
5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

5. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
8. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the September 11, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Albert Nguyen	Gilbert Ezenwa Okonkwocha	Mongkol Jirachaiskul
Amartuvshin Khoroldagva	Ha Quoc Duong	Mounji Moukalif
Anezi Ikechukwu Ilene	Hamid Rashid	Murad Cholukov
Anny Fung	Henry Hua	Nang Hom Phong
Anwar Hussain	Hicham Riady	Purusotam Subedi
Bader Mousa Husary	Ibrahim Basma	Rasmi Badi Assaf
Beniwende Georges Kabre	Jaspal Singh	Raymond Robert Lucas
Canh Van Pham	Jaswinder Singh	Rodina Essam Al Jundi
Cesar de Paula Sousa	Jimmy Tran	Sagar Koirala
Charles Max Bran	Khader Michael Munayer	Sami Abdelaziz Elzomor
Charles Whitley Smith	Kongkiat Sirichaimanus	Scott William McMenamy
Daadir Mohamed Hassan	Kyaw Thura Htun	Shaker Saleh Al Ghaithi
Denise Renee Hook	Livtar Basra	Syed N. Hussain
Dhanit Chananukul	Manuel Ang Formoso	Tedros Tesfay Weldegebriel
Duc Huu Nguyen	Melisew Gugsa Ayenew	Thach Ngoc Le
Edwin Chibueze Moghalu	Mesfin S. Wolde	Van Long Phan
Fawwaz H. Radwan	Mohamed Aden	Victor Dolen Easley
Francisco Marroquin	Mohamed Ibrahim Ibrahim	William Randall Suter
George Tint Zaw	Mohammad T. Shaikh	Yashpal Singh Chandel

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Arrow Cab Company
Medallion #s:	278, 279, 282, 283, 285, 286
Duration of Campaign:	October 1, 2007 - October 31, 2007
Advertiser:	CTIA-Wireless I.T. & Entertainment

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Aron Rushinsky	696	Royal to SF Taxi Cab Co
2. Solomon Makkonnen	281	Yellow Cab to DeSoto Cab
3. James Lam	990	American to Luxor
4. Hikmut U Pople	1177	Luxor to DeSoto Cab
5. Fadel Jawdat Zaru	942	DeSoto to Royal Taxi

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant (s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Linda P. Wong*	6-617	17. James E. Holmes	6-647
2. William H. Naylor	6-611	18. Hermenegildo J. Trinidad	6-648
3. William Tam	6-613	19. Ferdinand Relosimon	6-649
4. Kiumars Yaghoubi	6-615	20. Donato J. Relosimon	6-650
5. Jehad J. Baqleh	6-621	21. Jovito J. Relosimon	6-651
6. Jignasa Patel	6-626	22. Jimmy Yiu	6-660
7. Rupinder K. Johal*	6-639	23. Yury Smilovitsky	6-662
8. Anthony R. Coate	6-627	24. Bhagwant S. Dhillon	6-665
9. Devin C. Walker*	6-629	25. Prabhjot Kaur	6-669
10. Gary K. Robb	6-631	26. Debi J. Vaughn	6-671
11. Steven E. Cloer	6-634	27. Marina Zhalkovsky	6-673
12. Raphael Wolfson	6-635	28. Brian Loi	6-675
13. Valeriy Galatenko	6-640	29. Wai C. Ip	6-676
14. Aleksandr Geyler	6-641	30. Eugene Samsonov	6-678
15. Thomas M. Drewry	6-642	31. Maria Samsonov	6-679
16. Grayson S. Bourne	6-644	32. Samson Lai	6-680

**Applicant declined ramp offer.*

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Tesfaye Chuffa	9078	Luxor Cab	Ramp

G. Consideration of Taxi Commission to Allow Medallion Holder to Park Taxi at Alternate Site:

Applicant Name:	Medallion #:	Alternate Site:	Color Scheme:

1. Sonny Tam*	318	Home, SF	Fog City

** Request Withdrawn*

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the October 9, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. David O. Klampert	6-464

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. John Zucca	6-793	Ramp
2. Marcelos D. Fonseca	6-684	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Earnest D. Demmer	6-463	Yellow Cab	Regular

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Galina Samsonov*	6-681
2. Mike McGlinchy*	6-795
3. Rex Caponi*	6-736

**Applicant Declined Ramp Offer.*

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Anita Lee	432	Bay to B&W Checker

2. Jane Bolig	768	National to DeSoto Cab

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	
MTA presentation regarding debit card program		
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke		**Planned Hearing Date**
PC&N hearing with findings made by City Attorney	August 14, 2007	
Letter to be sent to State Legislatures regarding licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background	June 12, 2007	

Gas and Gate meeting		
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

September 25, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

September 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie; Breslin; Benjamin; Oneto; Oka

Absent: Heinicke; Paek

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President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Update on Paratransit Debit Swipe Program [INFORMATION]**

- **Greg Wilcox, Deputy Director of MTA**: Introductions of staff and Hansu Kim to present power point to Commission.
- **Hansu Kim**: Presentation and overview of power point presentation.
- **President Gillespie**: Thanks MTA and Hansu Kim for presentation. Explains first attempt at Debit Swipe was ill conceived but second attempt looks very promising.
- **Com Breslin**: GPS tracking is very limited. It's currently being used for other tracking, would like to hear from Color Schemes on any opposition to this. Ongoing training is important.

- **Hansu Kim**: GPS would be used only for auditing and emergencies. Will work on ongoing training. Current system is similar to new system.
- **Brent Allen, Consultant**: Translink uses smart card. When procurement occurs will specify a port to be included in this device so when Translink uses smart card the model will then be attached to the system.
- **Hansu Kim**: This technology will potentially give all taxis availability to used credit cards if it is mandated.
- **Com Benjamin**: What's the ball park cost for the Color Schemes?
- **Hansu Kim**: Not sure yet, waiting to send out bids. Expect competitive pricing, anywhere from $700- 1,500.
- **Com Benjamin**: Luxor and Yellow have different systems how are you going to work with that?
- **Hansu Kim**: Their current equipment will be upgraded and will no longer have coupons. Smaller companies will have smaller systems.
- **Com Breslin**: What's the cost going to be like for the smaller companies that do not have 30 or more taxis?
- **Hansu Kim**: The rules for companies that have less than 30 taxis will not apply. They will be reimbursed.
- **Com Oka**: Commends MTA for bringing together the industry to resolve this issue.

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto**: Hopes to stick to timeline presented. All equipment should be credit card capable. New system will help lessen fraud. Training needs to be properly done as does there need to be a hotline number we can call.
- **Bob Vitcha**: Radio channels accessible to anyone with a scanner, should not be radioing in credit card numbers.
- **MTA**: Misstatement made in handout. If system is down drivers can use knuckle buster.
- **Jim Gillespie**: Debit Card program has problems for years but believes in this new system. MTA personnel great. Yellow cab only uses GPS to dispatch orders and only for tracking taxis when there's a need to manually input orders. Tracking used for emergencies and archives.
- **Steve Reimers**: Information is public; drivers should not worry about their location if they are driving. Yellow has had this technology in place for over 10 years.

- **Dan Hinds**: Hansu Kim is the glue to bring all parties together on this issue. Critical for the industry to stand together on the facts to accomplish things.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Eternal pessimist. There will be huge fraud in the system. Currently at least 2 of 10 are fakes. Like many other things in this industry. Will there be a way to notify MTA of the fraud?
- **John Gursen**: Business owner and SF resident, understands difficulty for drivers using paratransit. He is disabled. Smart card technology is free through visa. Magnetic system is old and outdated. MTA should invest in smart card technology.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Magnetic strip system is obsolete and system is old. Yellow and Luxor systems are old. Current hand held systems available and easier. No training needed.
- **Frank Fehy**: Opposes personal information being exposed on GPS system. Should have the right to privacy.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Honored to be apart of this committee. Need to look into the fraud issue. Options should be available for privacy. System should also include a panic button for drivers.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: All drivers want to work on this happy to have credit cards in all taxis, it will increase ridership.

SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 - 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Blake Derby**: Commends Breslin for not voting against Lindsey Welcome's revocation. Bauers limo double parked, he got out of his cab to see what happened and drunk person kicked his car door into his leg.
- **Barry Taranto**: Fasted for 25 hours and thought a lot about the taxi industry and how to improve customer service. Taxi Commission has failed the industry. 49ers football game out of control. Need staff to attend games. What's the delay on the Disciplinary Hearings? Drive your own medallion rule should penalize color schemes not drivers.
- **Chuffa**: Thanks all Commissioners especially Benjamin for help in getting medallion. Thanks SF residents for encouraging him to fight for his medallion. People who attend Taxi Commission meetings bimonthly are his heroes.
- **John Gursen**: Lives in Excelsior cannot get taxi service sometimes waits for hours to get a taxi. Calls Daly City taxi for service. Sometimes lies and says going to the airport to get a cab. Knows a lot about the industry has met people and knows of

people who drive more hours than required and knows about fraud. Hilton Hotel also pays off limos.

- **Carl Macmurdo**: Single shifting issue especially when PC&N occurs should consider them for peak-time medallions.
- **EmilLawrence**: Probability of Taxi Commission being dissolved and adopted by MTA.

4. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation of Public Passenger Vehicle Permit 9062, A Card Permit P44-50373 and Grasshopper Color Scheme: [ACTION]

a. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

- **Item Continued to call of the Chair.**

5. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Director Machen:** Recommends that Commission sever items for D2, D3 and D4 for recusals. Items G withdrawn by applicant.

Public Comments:

- **Charles Rathbone**: Congratulations to Chuffa, Commission should release other medallions.
- **Com Breslin**: Motion to approve Items **A**- 9-11 Minutes, **B**- Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Permits, **C**- Color Scheme Wrap for Arrow Cab, **D1**- CS Change Aaron Rushinsky from Royal to SF Taxi, **D5**- CS Change Fadel J Zaru from DeSoto to Royal Taxi, **E**- Ineligible Applicants for a Ramp Medallion for Failure to Respond and Submit Application and **F**- Grant Ramp Medallion to Tesfaye Chuffa
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion to approve Consent items.
- **Roll Call/ Voice Vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Heinicke, Paek

  RECUSED: 0

- **Com Oneto:** Motions to approve Item D2- CS Change for Solomon Makkonnen from Yellow to DeSoto Cab
- **Com Oka :** 2nd motion to approve item D2.
- **Roll Call/ Voice Vote**

  AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Oneto

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Heinicke, Paek

  RECUSED: Gillespie
- **Com Oneto:** Motions to approve items D3- CS to Luxor for James Lam and D4- Hikmut Pople to DeSoto.
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion to approve items D3 and D4.
- **Roll Call/ Voice Vote**

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Oneto

  NOES: 0

  ABSENT: Heinicke, Paek

  RECUSED: Benjamin

6. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen:** Staff Report and overview.
- **Sergeant Reynolds:** Illegal limos are being prosecuted thanks to Director Machen and Deputy Director Thigpen. Will be at 49ers game and will work with taxis. Spoke with DPT and they will not issue tickets, will leave it up to him and he will administratively deal with drivers. Susan Hom left Detail for airport, will be greatly missed.
- **PresGillespie:** Candlestick park isolated and hard to get there. Especially if the cab is empty going to the park.

Commissioner Comments:

- **Pres Gillespie:** Thanks to Com Breslin for the Rules Committee. Clean Air meeting productive and thanks auto industry representatives for attending. Thanks to the SF Opera particularly Leah Garchik, who gave out $200 tickets to drivers. Will not attend October 9, 2007 meeting because will be at TLPA conference.

- **Com Breslin:** 49ers should follow opera example by issuing free tickets to drivers. Rules Committee issues to be addressed are shift changing, top lights, leasing, layers, waybill issues, workers' compensation, medical exam requirements, ramp picks. Past meeting was free flowing next meeting will be restricted to agenda. Henry Epstein requesting Taxi Commission to review hearing procedures process.
- **City Attorney:** It would be appropriate for the Commission to review this if you thought it was necessary.
- **Com Breslin:** Could we find out more information on his question? And whether this would be a more internal question.
- **Dir Machen:** I believe this was an internal question that Tom Owen answered. Correct me if I am wrong Tom.

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto:** Resolution should be created to commend Leah from the Opera. Thanks Sgt Reynolds for efforts on illegal limos. Busiest weekend of the year; Blues Festival and Folsom Fair and 49ers game.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Very excited limos are being prosecuted. Wants to hear more feedback from conferences.
- **Chuffa:** Forgot to thank Commission staff.
- **Tom Stanghellini:** Opera house keeps driveway clear, making it easy for taxis to enter and exit. Transportation doesn't take taxi industry seriously.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** UTW claims strike went well. But it did not.
- **Marc Gruberg:** Tariq is obsessed with UTW. It wasn't a strike but a protest. Event fizzled because was not well organized.
- **Blake Derby:** Overjoyed about limo issue.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Address Breslin statement; 49ers said they would compensate color scheme and drivers if they pick up at the stadium. Also wanted to thank the District Attorney Kamala Harris and Chief of Staff Russ Giuntini for limo prosecution.
- **Com Benjamin :** Opera will be at ATT&T park on Friday night. Taxis should pick up at park.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Staff to write thank you letter to Opera.

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the

agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Tom Stanghellini:** Driver at Luxor collecting gifts for soldiers in Iraq.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Yellow held picnic with over 800 attendees. Also free lunches were handed out at St Bonafest Church no one from the Commission or staff. UTW gate fee are lies.
- **Marc Gruberg:** His word against mine.
- **Com Breslin:** Taxi Commission meetings are not the place for personal attacks. Will not be tolerated.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Comments made should only relate to taxi business.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Health care will be coming before the Board of Supervisors in the next week.

8. Adjournment

Taxicab Commission

October 9, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

SF
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October 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Convenience and Necessity: Consideration of Peak Time Medallions [DISCUSSION]

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30 - 8:00 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
5. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
6. Adoption of the Recommendations of the Charter Reform Selection Committee [ACTION]
7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
8. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the September 25, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Ariunbold Avirmed	Justin Daniel Toney	Stephen J. Jarmek
Aung L. Geofferey	Konstantyn Burlachenko	Tarlok Singh Sason
Batochir Dagvaochir	Medhine Zere	Thet Aung Win
Bruce Bud Hazelkorn	Messaoud Rezig	Tim Tang

Can Karaosmanoglu	Mustafa Zekria	Tolga Telseren
Dibya R. Kandel	Mustapha Bouhedda	Tshering Rinzing Bhutia
Ethan T. Lee	Noorudin Nezami	Wenes DeSousa
Itzhak Isaac Mizrahi	Saw S. Htoo	Woon Kee Paik
Jaswinder Singh	Skandar Ben Mohamed Mhadhebi	Zoubeir Achour

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. David O. Klampert	6-464

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. John Zucca	6-793	Ramp
2. Marcelos D. Fonseca	6-684	Ramp

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Earnest D. Demmer	655	Yellow Cab	Regular

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Galina Samsonov*	6-681
2. Mike McGlinchy*	6-795
3. Rex Caponi*	6-736

**Applicant Declined Ramp Offer.*

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Anita Lee	432	Bay to B&W Checker
2. Jane Bolig	768	National to DeSoto Cab

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the October 23, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Freydoun H. Toloui	6-465
2. Mesfin Kebret	6-468

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Emmanuel Agu	6-884	Ramp
2. Mohammed Z. Khan	6-878	Ramp
3. Eric Hattan	6-767	Ramp
4. Demian Volynsky	6-890	Ramp
5. Aijaz Ghani	6-876	Ramp
6. Jagdish Chanana	6-869	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a change of dispatch for Gold Star Taxi.

Old Dispatch Service:	New Dispatch Service:
CityWide Dispatch	Town Taxi Dispatch

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Steven L. Keys	6-462	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
2. Victoria Lansdown	6-469	DeSoto Cab	Regular

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Leonid Dolinsky*	6-687	29. Dmitry Vaynshteyn*	6-744	57. Stephen T. Liang	6-797
2. John J. Leal	6-688	30. Brandon H. Wong	6-745	58. Shangara Singh*	6-799
3. Keith A. Briar	6-689	31. Benjamin F. Usog	6-749	59. Robert A. Irvine	6-801
4. Kelly M. Fowler	6-690	32. Negusse H. Zeleke	6-750	60. Henry Leung	6-802
5. Wai J. Chin	6-693	33. Mohammad H. Khan*	6-751	61. Sean C. Reynolds	6-803
6. Khoi T. Nguyen	6-694	34. Hong Che	6-752	62. Baysin Xie	6-804

7. Michael Brandolino	6-697	35. Francoise Spiegelman	6-753	63. Gurpal S. Sandhu	6-805
8. Boris M. Levitas	6-698	36. Neil T. Laughlin	6-757	64. Kinfe Gashaw	6-806
9. George W. Chun	6-701	37. Wing T. Ng	6-758	65. David Hathaway	6-809
10. Samoil I. Filmus	6-702	38. Hamed A. Mohammad	6-759	66. Martin A. Breslow	6-810
11. Kulbir Singh	6-705	39. Graciela Balci*	6-761	67. James E. Panther	6-812
12. Yin Har Ho	6-706	40. Rolfe Louie	6-763	68. Felix M. Mendelson	6-813
13. Johnny Wong	6-707	41. Kay F. Ma*	6-764	69. Boris Keyser	6-814
14. Robert J. Hachmann	6-708	42. Yakov Grimberg	6-765	70. George Katz	6-815
15. Steve Z. Wang	6-711	43. Stephen Y. Chen*	6-768	71. Silas Geneson	6-817
16. Svetlana Smilovitsky	6-712	44. Tom M. Jobe*	6-771	72. Christine R. Lotz	6-819
17. Renate S. Wymiarkiewicz	6-713	45. Robert K. Combs	6-773	73. Joy L. Allen	6-820
18. Li Q. Wong	6-716	46. Mark Meeks	6-774	74. Donal J. O'Sullivan	6-821
19. William R. Cline	6-717	47. Colin Marcoux	6-775	75. Gregg Castellucci	6-825
20. Sebastian M. Uchoa	6-718	48. Brian Baker	6-776	76. Theodore W. Casselberry	6-827
21. Beka D. Sambi*	6-722	49. Armen A. Gasparyan	6-778	77. Kevin Hanson	6-828
22. Thomas Budai	6-729	50. Naeem Patel	6-781	78. Jake Shakhman	6-830
23. Mohammad Tajamal	6-730	51. Joseph B. Turner	6-785	79. Victor Pogacar	6-831
24. Wendy C. Mai	6-731	52. Ricardo B. Deoliviera	6-788	80. Juan C. Magnoli*	6-882
25. Benjamin L. Rolston	6-735	53. Katherine M. Ettinger	6-789	81. Harry F. McCarthy*	6-883
26. Patrick F. Tibbats	6-738	54. Vivian M. Ettinger	6-790	82. Raymond Chiu*	6-842
27. Fernando C. Monteiro	6-739	55. Rajinder Samral*	6-791	83. Drake L. Chan*	6-899
28. Zalhdee A. Corpuz	6-742	56. Timothy S. Flanagan	6-794	84. Mohammad Ilyas	6-538

Applicant declined ramp offer.

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	

Commissioner Paek	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs. What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	September 26, 2006 May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Letter to be sent to State Legislatures regarding licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

October 9, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers

October 09, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Breslin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke (late), Oneto

Absent: Gillespie, Benjamin

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Vice President Breslin called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Tom Owen– City Attorney

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

4. **Consent Calendar [ACTION] (Item taken out of order)**

- **Director Machen**: Remove item G1 since applicant lacks workers' compensation.

  No one to speak for public comment on consent calendar
- **Com Oka**: Motion to approve consent items A- Minutes, B- New Drivers, C- Removal of Applicants from PC&N waiting list, D- Grant Time Waiver, E- Grant Medallion & F- Consideration of Applicants Ineligible for Ramp
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd motion to approve consent calendar
- **Roll call/voice vote**

  AYES: Breslin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto **NOES: 0**

  ABSENT: Gillespie, Benjamin **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke**: Why are G1 and G2 moving companies?

- **Com Breslin**: Asks applicants to speak, Anita Lee not present.
- **Jane Bolig**: She and Dan have irreconcilable differences. Stock options available at DeSoto. National will be more competitive now than in past.
- **Com Breslin**: Continue item G 1 – CS Change for Anita Lee from Bay to B&W Checker without objection.
- **Com Paek**: Moves to approve G 2- CS Change for Jane Bolig from National to DeSoto.
- **Com Breslin**: How long were you with National?
- **Jane Bolig**: 3 years and 6 months and I was with DeSoto for 25 years.
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd Motion
- **Roll call/voice vote**

AYES: Breslin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto **NOES: 0**

ABSENT: Gillespie, Benjamin **RECUSED: 0**

2. **Public Convenience and Necessity: Consideration of Peak Time Medallions [DISCUSSION]**

- **Com Heinicke**: Finding taxis during peak-times in San Francisco are difficult for both residents and tourists. Line at Sheraton hotel very long and bellman complain of lack of supply. Would like to increase number of taxis during peak-times. Regular medallions may just flood the market. Would be trying something new with peak-time medallions, if that doesn't work, maybe issue more medallions.
- **Com Breslin**: Appreciates topic especially since it is angled at residents.

Public Comment:

- **Bill Mounsey**: Don't issue more medallions, limos eating business. Thursday evenings drives empty cab. If issued, peak-time medallions should be one color for easy recognition.
- **Com Breslin**: Do you think one color scheme should have these peak-time medallions?
- **Bill Mounsey**: No.
- **Barry Taranto**: Commission should define what peak-time medallions are. City is affected by congestion that needs to be addressed to help taxis get around.
- **Com Heinicke**: What days should they operate?
- **Barry Taranto**: Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, too many drivers sitting at airport.
- **Bob Vitcha**: Income from such vehicles will be difficult. Should issue corporate medallions.
- **Com Heinicke**: Would like to know how much money a taxi needs to make for it to be profitable, need to ask managers.
- **Tom Stanghellini**: Enforcement of peak-times should be easy, Commission to send someone to each lot during the day to ensure vehicles are on the lot.
- **Murai**: Peak-time medallions are a good idea and should be used everyday especially

when there are conventions/ events in town.

- **Thomas George Williams**: Centralized dispatch should be addressed. Should not create another class of medallions. Toronto has peak-times and they do not generate enough income for drivers.
- **Dave Schneider**: Peak-time medallions would be good on Friday and Saturdays and especially for emergencies, central dispatch is a good idea and most important.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan**: Spare cabs should be used as peak-time medallions. Illegal limos are already picking up the extra slack taxis do not.
- **Jane Bolig**: Single-shifters should be forced to drive peak-time medallions. Corporate medallions are good only if they offer stock options. Day drivers usually drive more days and night drivers less nights.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Does not support more cabs. Other issues getting pushed into the background; economic livelihood and over saturation of the market.
- **Mike Spain**: Not speaking on behalf of Medallion Holders Association, a real division industry wide, drivers do not want more competition. Strong supporter of peak-time medallions. Especially on Thursday – Sunday 1:00PM- 4:00AM; Wednesday – Sunday 3:00PM – 10:00PM and all special event days. Medallions should be given to individuals do not distribute corporate medallions.
- **Peter Witt**: Peak-time problems all over the world. Peak-time medallions unfeasible. Availability is what we are talking about. Sheraton doormen crooked, they cheat. Everyone wants at cab at the same time and that's a problem. New York has peak-time rates and carpools. SF doesn't have the business NYC does.
- **Rich Hybels**: Peak-time medallion issues would be providing workers' compensation, since insurance companies will not provide part-time coverage.
- **Com Oneto**: What about single-shifters, how is it feasible for them to have workers' compensation coverage?
- **Rich Hybels**: They do not need workers' compensation.
- **Name**: There is no one solution, in favor of corporate medallions.
- **Kiki**: Industry needs to be better organized. Not economically feasible. Impossible to make everyone happy.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: Peak-time good idea would prefer amendment to Prop K as opposed to offering it to driver's on the medallion waiting list. Encourages a monthly coordinator to check-in on how well the taxis are functioning and a monthly assessment of when they are needed.
- **Hansu Kim**: Spare cabs should be looked at since they are already sitting on the lot.
- **Al Costa**: Requests Taxi Commission to work closely with the City to close downtown streets to non-transportation vehicles.
- **Name**: Peak-time vehicles will come at a high cost.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Cost of vehicle and insurance will be expensive.
- **Esad**: Add peak-time for Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.
- **Jaswinder:** Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are good money making days. Some other weekdays are not.

7:45 PM Public comments continued to meet special order

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30 - 8:00 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Barry Taranto**: TODO magazine honors monthly taxi drivers however this month they honored a limo driver under the taxi driver appreciation award, outrageous. Luxor cabs didn't show at 49er game.
- **Rich Hybels**: Sergeant Reynolds and Lieutenant Scholtz at 49ers game did a good job.
- **Murai**: Proposes new medallion recipients to speak at meetings and to also be given their medallions.
- **Mike Spain**: Driver's are making a lot of money and the economy is doing well. Customers constantly complaining about the limited taxi service. A taxi's monopoly is the top light.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: ADA lawsuit pending, applicants shouldn't be denied if stay is applicable. Staff to cross reference.

Item #2 Continued – Public Comment:

- **Com Oneto**: How much will it cost to have these vehicles on the street? If the vehicles only drive 40 hours/week then the mileage will be 1/3 of regular taxis.
- **Com Oka**: Has heard a lot about this issue over the years. Single-shifters should be used for this and medallions should be given to individuals and not medallion holders.
- **Com Paek**: Questions urgency of need. Focus should be consensual. What's the feasibility of this? Environmental issue should be taken into consideration. What are other cities doing?
- **Com Heinicke**: Thank you for having this discussion. Appreciates speaker's candor, convinced there is a need to more taxis during peak-time but how do you address this issue? Need is now, no need to wait to test this proposal.
- **Com Breslin**: (Places pictures on the overhead) One hour wait at hotel for taxi. Workers' compensation should be pro-rated. Peak-time should only apply to in the City. Thanks everyone for their comments.

5. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen**: Overview
- **Lieutenant Schlotz**: Discussed taxi shooting and limited details of the case. Reported Town Cab had workers' compensation to cover incident. Reported on 49ers game; impounded an illegal taxi.
- **Com Breslin**: What are the fines in such a case?
- **Lt. Schlotz**: In process of putting a packet together.
- **Com Heinicke**: Can the Commission impose fines on this person?

- **City Attorney**: Possibly.

Taxi Commissioner Announcements:

- **Com Heinicke**: Thanks the SFPD-Detail for all their work.

Public Comments:

- **Rich Hybels**: Outrageous color schemes do not have workers' compensation. Has paid over ½ million over the last few years.
- **Mary McGuire**: Why wasn't the industry aware that the Board of Supervisors heard the taxi driver healthcare plan? Board of Supervisors staff said it was the Taxi Commissions responsibility to alert the public.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Alioto-Pier legislation issue. Contempt for drivers.
- **Cory Lamb**: Watched meeting and Supervisor Elsbernd adamant to not approve the plan. A color scheme without workers' compensation is unacceptable.
- **Tom Stanghellini**: Many events occurring last weekend. Luxor was out at other events and not at 49er park. If a Color Scheme does not have workers' compensation, Taxi Commission should shut them down.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: 24 hours before meeting should be notified of meeting.
- **Mike Spain**: Thanks Alioto-Pier for gas and gate language.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Every taxi in SF needs workers' compensation. Notification of Board of Supervisor meetings is a individual and personal responsibility.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Taxi Commission not listening to drivers. Should drive cab to understand industry, limos are out of control.

6. **Adoption of the Recommendations of the Charter Reform Selection Committee [ACTION]**

- **Dir Machen**: Overview of item.
- **Com Heinicke**: Many qualified candidates to choose from, difficult to choose committee. Recommend amending the Resolution to leave the two non-voting seats vacant unless the Mayor's office or Board of Supervisor's staff elects to attend.
- **Com Oka**: Agrees, many qualified candidates, wishes there were more slots.

Public Comments:

- **Barry Taranto**: Important committee should have had bios on public members.
- **Mary McGuire**: What type of outreach was done for the public? Googled applicants and are friends with staff.
- **Mian Hassan**: How were these people chosen and what was the criteria?
- **Booya**: Whoever chose this committee was wrong to not include Nate Dwiri and Tariq Mehmood.
- **Jaswinder**: Tariq Mehmood and Nate Dwiri should be on this committee.
- **Ishfaq:** Consider Tariq and Nate Dwiri on the committee.
- **Com Heinicke**: Difficult choice for committee, understands how everyone feels, limited space on committee.
- **Com Paek**: Motion to approve Resolution with amendment.

- **Com Oneto: 2nd motion.**
- **Roll call/ Voice vote**

AYES: Breslin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto **NOES: 0**

ABSENT: Gillespie, Benjamin **RECUSED: 0**

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Mary McGuire**: PC&N survey $5 compensation is not enough. Should pay out more especially out in the Sunset and Richmond districts.
- **Hansu Kim**: Workers' compensation should be mandated 2 tier gate fee for workers' compensation language ambiguous, should create a better business plan.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Apologizes for last meetings comments.
- **Corey Lamb**: Why isn't there workers' compensation? It is very important to have.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Pre-tax assessment based on Controller's report. State law says they are employees but are independent contractors. W-2 should be offered to drivers.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Two points; Safety hearing should address fumes in vehicle cabin. Tax Collector is sending out final notices to people who haven't paid their business tax fee, don't pay this. Since drivers are not self-employed.
- **Com Heinicke**: City Attorney do you know if the Controller talked to us about this issue.
- **City Attorney**: Not aware.
- **Com Heinicke**: We need to revisit this business tax fee issue. 1. Deputy City Attorney please ask the City Attorney to visit this issue. 2. Talk to the Treasurer's office 3. If nothing else works, talk to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Name:** Worked for Yellow Cab for 11 years, what would happen if 500 cabs added to the City? Nothing. You can have as many as you want but they will sit in the downtown area. Neighborhoods should be treated differently, there should be centralized dispatch.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Centralized dispatch has issues.

8. Adjournment at 9:45 PM

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

October 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
3. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30- 8:00 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
5. Report of Clean Air Working Group and Consideration of Accompanying Resolution and/or Rule Change [DISCUSSION]
6. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
8. Subpoena Authority and Hearing Rule Changes - Recommending Board of Supervisor Legislation [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
9. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the October 9, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Al Feizi	Javkhlantugs Tsogtsaikhan	Rajiv Shrestha
Alessandro P. Souza	Joseph C. Igbokwe	Reggienell L. Fountain
Ali A.A. Aliakbar	Kaji Sherpa	Richard J. Lockmanesse
Ali M. Saeed	Kelvin Wong	Rigoberto Duran
Amjad A. Khan	Kifle Alemayehu Lulu	Robin Ng
Benyam Kefela	Ligane Y. Hadur	Saeid S. Taleb
Cheick S. Cisse	Louis A. Huff	Sambath Leng
Chris Z.M. Htut	Maher Naanouch	Satnam S. Malhi
Cindy C.H. Ng	Marcos P. Roriz	Selah A. Alowdi
Davinder Pal Singh	Maurice David Harger	Selim Hussein Kiar
Donald D.G. Li	Mhanna H. Alayyoub	Semere Mesfun
Gurmeet Singh	Michael L. McBride	Sneh Chopra
Gurpinder Singh	Mohamoud A. Mohamed	Sousa W. Taquette
Gurpinder Singh	Myo Z. Thein	Tuong Cam Truong
Hsun C. Hou	Ohn T. Maung	Wanderley Rocha Vaz
Humberto O. Castro	Peter Niloufari	William James Scroggins
Jagjit Singh Minhas	Polat Shamyradov	Yonatan Girma
Jason Lee	Prithvi R. Upreti	Yu Yuan Liang

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Freydoun H. Toloui	6-465
2. Mesfin Kebret	6-468

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Emmanuel Agu	6-884	Ramp
2. Mohammed Z. Khan	6-878	Ramp
3. Eric Hattan	6-767	Ramp
4. Demian Volynsky	6-890	Ramp
5. Aijaz Ghani	6-876	Ramp
6. Jagdish Chanana	6-869	Ramp

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a change of dispatch for Gold Star Taxi.

Old Dispatch Service:	New Dispatch Service:
CityWide Dispatch	Town Taxi Dispatch

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Steven L. Keys	1013	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular
2. Victoria Lansdown	682	DeSoto Cab	Regular

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G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:	Applicant Name:	List #:
1. Leonid Dolinsky*	6-687	29. Dmitry Vaynshteyn*	6-744	57. Stephen T. Liang	6-797
2. John J. Leal	6-688	30. Brandon H. Wong	6-745	58. Shangara Singh*	6-799
3. Keith A. Briar	6-689	31. Benjamin F. Usog	6-749	59. Robert A. Irvine	6-801
4. Kelly M. Fowler	6-690	32. Negusse H. Zeleke	6-750	60. Henry Leung	6-802
5. Wai J. Chin	6-693	33. Mohammad H. Khan*	6-751	61. Sean C. Reynolds	6-803
6. Khoi T. Nguyen	6-694	34. Hong Che	6-752	62. Baysin Xie	6-804
7. Michael Brandolino	6-697	35. Francoise Spiegelman	6-753	63. Gurpal S. Sandhu	6-805
8. Boris M. Levitas	6-698	36. Neil T. Laughlin	6-757	64. Kinfe Gashaw	6-806
9. George W. Chun	6-701	37. Wing T. Ng	6-758	65. David Hathaway	6-809
10. Samoil I. Filmus	6-702	38. Hamed A. Mohammad	6-759	66. Martin A. Breslow	6-810
11. Kulbir Singh	6-705	39. Graciela Balci*	6-761	67. James E. Panther	6-812
12. Yin Har Ho	6-706	40. Rolfe Louie	6-763	68. Felix M. Mendelson	6-813
13. Johnny Wong	6-707	41. Kay F. Ma*	6-764	69. Boris Keyser	6-814
14. Robert J. Hachmann	6-708	42. Yakov Grimberg	6-765	70. George Katz	6-815
15. Steve Z. Wang	6-711	43. Stephen Y. Chen*	6-768	71. Silas Geneson	6-817
16. Svetlana Smilovitsky	6-712	44. Tom M. Jobe*	6-771	72. Christine R. Lotz	6-819
17. Renate S. Wymiarkiewicz	6-713	45. Robert K. Combs	6-773	73. Joy L. Allen	6-820
18. Li Q. Wong	6-716	46. Mark Meeks	6-774	74. Donal J. O'Sullivan	6-821
19. William R. Cline	6-717	47. Colin Marcoux	6-775	75. Gregg Castellucci	6-825
20. Sebastian M. Uchoa	6-718	48. Brian Baker	6-776	76. Theodore W. Casselberry	6-827
21. Beka D. Sambi*	6-722	49. Armen A. Gasparyan	6-778	77. Kevin Hanson	6-828
22. Thomas Budai	6-729	50. Naeem Patel	6-781	78. Jake Shakhman	6-830
23. Mohammad Tajamal	6-730	51. Joseph B. Turner	6-785	79. Victor Pogacar	6-831
24. Wendy C. Mai	6-731	52. Ricardo B. Deoliviera	6-788	80. Juan C. Magnoli*	6-882
25. Benjamin L. Rolston	6-735	53. Katherine M. Ettinger	6-789	81. Harry F. McCarthy*	6-883
26. Patrick F. Tibbats	6-738	54. Vivian M. Ettinger	6-790	82. Raymond Chiu*	6-842
27. Fernando C. Monteiro	6-739	55. Rajinder Samral*	6-791	83. Drake L. Chan*	6-899
28. Zalhdee A. Corpuz	6-742	56. Timothy S. Flanagan	6-794	84. Mohammad Ilyas	6-538

Applicant declined ramp offer.

H. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Anita Lee	432	Bay to B&W Checker

*Continued from 10.09.07 meeting due to no workers' compensation

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A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Michael Roach	1160	Metro to National

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Arkadiy Dulman	6-482	Black & White Checker	Regular
2. Mikhail Lirisman	6-477	Luxor Cab	Regular
3. Gordon Bell	6-756	Luxor Cab	Ramp
4. Yuriy Gasparyan	6-777	SF Taxi Company	Ramp
5. Alula Woldeab	6-480	Yellow Cab	Regular
6. William Wilkes	6-472	Luxor Cab	Regular

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Bader Ali	6-880	Ramp
2. Papinder Singh	6-894	Ramp
3. Hoa Mau Quach	6-879	Ramp

D1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Luxor Cab
Medallion #s:	1085
Duration of Campaign:	November 19-2007 – January 13,2008
Advertiser:	American Red Cross – Earthquake Preparedness

D2. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Yellow Cab Coop
Medallion #s:	372, 586, 633, 759, 831, 996 1029, 1186
Duration of Campaign:	November 7,2007 – December 21,2007
Advertiser:	IShares-Cirque Du Soleil

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #
1. Lauren D. Meshel	6-832	14. John G. Pettinger	6-856	27. Rhodora I. Espiritu	6-886
2. Vencer Viray	6-833	15. Masoud A. Charsoughi	6-857	28. Arnold Brewster	6-887
3. James J. McHale	6-835	16. Jeffrey L. Rennie	6-859	29. Reyheo Espiritu	6-888
4. Tuan M. Tran	6-837	17. Leah Bennett	6-864	30. Emil Lawrence	6-889
5. Paul S. Rendleman	6-838	18. Yevgeni Knafelman	6-867	31. Richard J. Vankoll	6-891
6. Tim A. Pori	6-840	19. Gregorio V. Balante Jr.	6-868	32. Karen Michel	6-892
7. Lev Giverts*	6-841	20. Ashok K. Malhotra	6-870	33. Sandy M. Taylor (Bonner)	6-893
8. Satwinder Singh	6-844	21. Salvador R. Gonzalgo	6-871	34. Christian J. Einfeldt	6-895
9. Carison B. Wiley	6-846	22. Daniel H. Yohannes	6-873	35. Carl A. Finley	6-896
10. Neji Khouja	6-847	23. Shaikh M. Idrees	6-875	36. Robert Cameron	6-897
11. Michael B. Schildknecht	6-850	24. Mahamed Ayaz	6-877	37. Nawaf M. Shatrat	6-898
12. Liantoro W. Liem	6-851	25. Michael A. Kazanis	6-881	38. Raymond K. Maung	6-900
13. Eric McMahon	6-852	26. Roger J. Saccomano	6-885	39. Leonid Slootsky*	6-633

*Applicant is no longer interested in the Ramp permit or declined the ramp offer.

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F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	Planned Hearing Date
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs. What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	September 26, 2006 May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Resolution to State Legislatures regarding urging PUC licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	**Planned Hearing Date**
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	**Planned Hearing Date**
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	

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Commission Chambers

October 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie, Breslin (late), Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

Absent: 0

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, City Attorney Tom Owen

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]**

- **Dir Machen:** Introduces new investigator Scott Leon.
- **Scott Leon:** Introduction.
- **Com Breslin:** Welcome, hopes you don't focus on prop k violators but illegal limo drivers.
- **City Attorney:** Cannot go into further detail, since item was not agendized properly.
- **Jim, 49ers:** Problem at post games are lines are up to one hour wait. Fans are

taking public transit to the games and taxis from the game. Have been getting lots of help from taxi companies and are continuing raffle and announced 4 winners.

- **Com Benjamin:** Can staff send a map of the area to the companies?
- **Dir Machen:** Periodically send out game dates and maps. Information is also on our website.
- **David Perry, Home for Halloween:** Overview of No Halloween in Castro campaign. Has lived in the City for 21 years, last few years have had violence, drunks and other violations. MUNI will be closed underground to that area but the F line will continue as usual. SFPD will be prepared.
- **DirMachen:** Staff update.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Overview of the TLPA trip.
- **Com Benjamin:** Also discussed trip.
- **Lieutenant Schlotz:** DA does not want limos towed unless the driver is the owner, or if the owner knows the vehicle is being operated illegally.
- **Dir Machen:** We have good communications with the DA's office so we can relay anything the Commission would like.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Let the DA's office know we want illegal limos off the street.
- **Lieutenant Schlotz:** Many of the illegal limos do not have workers' compensation since it is owner operated. 311 complaints are about 500- 1/5 are limo complaints; 1/5 lost items; others are for speeding taxis and some calls should have been routed to 911.
- **Dir Machen:** Police will have to proceed with caution regarding illegal limos.
- **Com Heinicke:** Limo problem is important more of a crimp in the process, penalties would work better. Officers should be working on more pressing things and staff should be able to issue administrative fines.
- **Lieutenant Schlotz:** When she was working at the airport she would issue tickets to illegal limos.

Commissioner Announcements:

- **Com Breslin:** Reflecting on public comments from past meeting on peak-time medallions. Will hold additional Rules Committee meetings. Supports comments made at last meeting requesting more money for PC&N dispatch for outer areas.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Hopes staff creates a map for the 49ers games. No city official can tell drivers where to go on Halloween, drivers serve the customers.
- **Marty Smith:** 49ers staff should make some streets one way to allow taxis easier in/out access to the park. As well as allow left hand turns off some streets.
- **Thomas George Williams:** Diamond lanes should be available for all taxi cabs.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Welcomes Scott. Illegal limo issue looming, DA needs to prosecute even if it isn't a violent crime. Folks that cause the trouble in the Castro are usually from the East bay.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Limos are a priority but egregious violators need to be prosecuted.

SPECIAL ORDER 7:30- 8:00 PM (taken out of order)

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Thomas George Williams:** Colorado trip is of concern because industry lobbyists with money usually attend. Employed drivers should be focused on central dispatch.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Worked out a cost-effective formula for peak-time medallions.
- **Barry Taranto:** Mr. Rathbone's numbers make sense. Illegal limos are at major hotels. They are paying to lease white zones at the hotels.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Large percent of drivers give good customer service. There's a small few that ruin it for the rest. TLPA meeting also has a state group which costs $100/year to join. Open to anyone who would like to be a member. This group has been working on opening diamond lanes to taxi cabs but highway patrol opposes since it may open the topic for others like UPS, etc to also be included.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Has received tickets for dropping off and picking up customers in bus zones, one customer was handicapped and the officer saw him helping her out.
- **Isfaq:** SF Smart cards should let the driver know how much money is left on their card. Oftentimes people find they do not have enough and hold up the line to recharge their cards.

- **Mohammed:** UTW mess has created people waiting for cabs. Fees being charged to drivers. Always see illegal limos sitting in white zone.
- **Bill Mar:** Gate fees to be enforced which weren't before when brought before the Board of Supervisors years ago. UTW didn't support this.
- **Bill Mounsey:** Illegal for doorman to pay either limo or taxi. There will never be enough taxis in the City, and Commission should not add more. Proud member of the UTW.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Agenda items should be done differently it seems like a wish list for staffers.
- **John Lazar:** Luxor receives 4- 5 thousand calls per day and cannot fulfill the demand. Peak-time medallions can be helpful if they are controlled and should be given to companies with a big fleet size.
- **Eric Hatten:** Third generation cab driver couldn't work in 2004- 2005 because of eye surgery would like to know his options.
- **Pres Gillespie:** This is an administrative issue that needs to be addressed by staff.

Public Comments closed at 8:05pm

3. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen:** Sever items F1 and H
- **Pres Gillespie:** Sever items D, E, F1 & H
- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve items A- Minutes, B- Public Passenger Permits, C- Removal of names from the taxicab/ramp list, F2- Grant medallion, G- Consider applicant ineligible for Ramp medallion
- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Item D, Director Machen can you explain the requirements for a time waiver.
- **Dir Machen:** Sure, a time waiver will help a candidate on the list, usually ramp applicants, fulfill an extra year of driving they have not met. For example if a

driver receives an offer letter this year, they would be required to drive 3 out of the 4 consecutive years.

- **Com Breslin:** What was his history before 2005?
- **Eric Hatten:** Began driving in 2005 and 2006.
- **Com Heinicke:** When you signed up for the medallion list did you know about the driving requirement? Before Daly/Ma was there a driving requirement?
- **Com Breslin:** Was an accommodation offered to him?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Let's continue this item to answer all these questions.
- **Com Paek:** Motion to approve granting a time waiver to the following D1, D2, D4 – D6
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion.

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NOES: 0

  ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

- **Com Heinicke:** Item E seems to me one way to regulate services is by limiting dispatch changes just as color scheme changes. Smaller color schemes using cheaper services to allow them to do their own thing. Commission should review further applications and not allow such transfers.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Agrees and looks forward to calendaring the issue for the future.
- **Com Paek:** Motions to approve item E-dispatch change
- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion

  AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NOES: 0

  ABSENT: 0 **RECUSED: 0**

Public Comment:

- **Mrs. Stephen Keyes:** Has kept a thorough count of husband's waybills over the years and would like to submit them as proof he has met the driving requirement.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Staff could have possibly discounted some of his waybills if

they were deemed inaccurate.

- **Carl Macmurdo:** Has known Stephen at Yellow for 31 years.

- **Mark Gruberg:** Sounds like he has driven and should be considered for this medallion

- **Com Heinicke:** Should have further review of his waybills for year 2004.

- **Com Breslin:** Continue to next agenda and not wait until next year.

- **Com Oneto:** Motion for staff to review this case.

- **Com Paek:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0

- **Dir Machen:** Review of Item H cs change for Anita Lee continued from the last agenda because lacked proof of workers' compensation work.

- **Com Heinicke:** When this medallion was at Bay did it have workers' compensation?

- **Dir Machen:** No.

- **Com Benjamin:** We are allowing the medallion to go from one company to another without workers' compensation?

- **Dir Machen:** Liability rests with the color scheme.

- **Com Benjamin:** Are we going to revoke the color scheme for not having workers' compensation?

- **Dir Machen:** We will have to ask the City Attorney. Bay and Regents went before a hearing officer on this issue and we are awaiting his decision.

- **Com Oka:** If it's the policy of this Commission that workers' compensation be apart of the color scheme then the message needs to be sent to the color schemes.

- **Com Heinicke:** Is it proper for the Commission to send a letter to the hearing officer requesting a decision on the matter?

- **Dir Machen:** One has already been sent out.

- **Com Heinicke:** Maybe we can approve this conditionally.

5. Report of Clean Air Working Group and Consideration of Accompanying Resolution and/or Rule Change [DISCUSSION]

- **Pres Gillespie:** This will only be a discussion to shape the final decision.

- **Dir Machen:** Overview and findings

- **Pres Gillespie:** Purchase plan should be put in place so as can plan their purchases making it affordable and doable.

- **Com Oneto:** Going through numbers of vehicle and standards.

- **Com Benjamin:** Why don't we follow the Department of Environments list?

- **Com Oneto:** Department of Environment summary uses standards of New York. But New York uses miles/gallon and we don't want to restrict that.

Public Comment: 9:36 PM

- **Todd Campbell:** Proposal before Commission uses mileage not wheel well to wheel well. AB 118 dollars would not apply to this. Would like to see DOE/ staff recommendations.

- **Doug Cameron:** Same remarks.

- **Hansu Kim:** Should have better input from companies before giving them unaffordable figures. Should meet with these companies to discuss this.

- **Mark Gruberg:** Windfall profits for color schemes with a $7.50 gas and gate increase.

- **Charles Rathbone:** Smaller taxis do not have room for partitions and they will be necessary.

- **Assad:** Crown Victoria's are not the best looking cabs but it carries a lot of people. Sizes of cars very different, Commission should consider this.

- **Jim Gillespie:** Support minimum of $10 gas and gate. Hybrid costs are expensive since mechanics aren't trained in this and must be re-trained in this. Frustrated with committee and Commissioner for a long subcommittee meeting.

- **Tom Stanghellini:** No talk of public and passenger vehicles. Why can't there be an aggregate average? What about carbon credits? Who is going to train the mechanics?

- **Thomas George Williams:** Driver's income lost over the years because of gas increase. No offset on income. Can be part of the solution; $7.50 should

be max.

- **Dan Hinds:** There should not be a difference between old and new vehicles. If there was a surcharge would the drivers be better off driving hybrid vs CNG? Should be a $10 minimum charge.
- **Emil Lawrence:** Prius production creates pollution. Crown Victoria powers itself over the years. The problem is the big engine; prefers Toyota Camry.
- **John James, S&C Ford:** There are used alternative-fuel vehicles that can be used that are not on this list.
- **Tone:** Any bridge should include a toll fee. All vehicles are differently made than in 1990.
- **Isfaq:** Smaller vehicles do not due well in inclement weather. Folks with large pieces of luggage refuse to use Prius'.
- **Name:** Has been driving since 1997, Crown Victoria is good for comfort and safety.
- **Bashir Rahimi:** CNG vehicles cannot hold luggage and are not good for long distances. Tanks are very dangerous.
- **Mr. Kiki:** Alternative fuels are very expensive. Crown Victoria's are best vehicles.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** Commission should take their time when making decisions. 80% of calls are paratransit; wheel chairs cannot fit in Prius' or CNG's.

11:00 pm

- **Pres Gillespie:** Difficult to make changes, Crown Victoria's are ingrained in the industry and drivers bare the costs.

- **Com Oka:** Of the number of paratransit users how many used wheel chairs and how simple was transporting?

- **Pres Gillespie:** Never had a problem transporting. I want this policy to work

- **Com Heinicke:** Three issues here. Should new and /or used vehicles apply? Incentives for new/used vehicles. In favor of gas and gate increase. Heard a lot about the DOE's numbers and would like to know more about that as well as what the Mayor's office is saying about it.

- **Com Breslin:** There's been too much information presented tonight to make any decisions.

- **Com Paek:** Thought facts were flushed out well with the companies and not sure there is much more to go over. Not ready to make any decision tonight and would like to think about it to come up with something we all agree on.

- **Pres Gillespie:** Over the next month hope to have some clarity to be able to present it to the Board of Supervisors since they must approve gas and gates increase. The next two agenda items do not have time criticality can we continue the items since we are late into the evening?

- **Com Oneto:** We can continue this item, because the public comment on this will be long.

- **Com Breslin:** I thought because of the Rules Subcommittee meeting, we should have this item heard in our committee.

- **Pres Gillespie:** I would like for Deputy Director Thigpen to give us a 5 minute overview on item 8 so we can decipher whether this should be heard before the Commission or the Rules Committee.

6. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

***Continued to call of the Chair**

7. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

8. Subpoena Authority and Hearing Rule Changes - Recommending Board of Supervisor Legislation [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

- **Jordanna Thigpen:** Overview of item 8.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone:** Subpoena power is given to people with good judgment and with this administration who have made poor judgment; it would not be a good idea.

- **Tom Stanghellini:** Officers go out and investigate without subpoenas, why can't the new investigator do the work?

- **Mary McGuire:** Medallion holder said waybills were lost by the office and Director told him that she would not do anything if he testified against color scheme.

- **Pres Gillespie:** I do not want to get into this item right now since we will go over this next week.

9. Adjournment

Taxicab Commission

November 13, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

November 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
   SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 - 7:30 PM
3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
5. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers and medallion Applicants [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
6. Subpoena Authority and Hearing Rule Changes - Recommending Board of Supervisor Legislation [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
7. Public Convenience and Necessity: Establishing Appropriate Number of Taxis, Including Possible Issuance of Peak Time Medallions [POSSIBLE ACTION]
8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
9. Adjournment

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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the October 23, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Aaron D Small	Ghirmay Gebru Paulos	Mohieldin Ibrahim
Abdelgadir A. Abdultaeef	Har Kamal Singh	Muhammad R El Khatie
Ahmad Naweed	Harmesh Singh	Paulo R Santos
Atif Jabbar Ansari	Hirut Negusse Berhe	Peter Van Do
Bader NS Mohammed	Iheanyi Achinulo	Phuong Dang
Baha Aiman Zawaideh	Jamal Aden Roble	Pietot Alcala
Baljit Singh	Jason J Hart	Raed Nasser
Belayadi Noureddine	Job Woldu	Robert Floyd Bowden
Berhanu Getachew	Joseph B Turner JR	Roberto Novoa
Carl Stelling	Justin Chiemezie Akuma	Sabil Ben Hassouna Ghouili
Cengiz Dagasan	Kent Jefferson Taylor	San Jay Kumar Patel
Davinder Pal Singh	Kevin R Hazelton	Suraj Giri

Dmitiri Yourievich Golovinov	Kostantinos Weldemichael	Sylan David
Donnell Farmer	Kyaw Linn Thant	Thomas K Ma
Elamein Eisa	Mark Prebitero Racadag	Trevor Johnson
Elgizoli Ahmed	Ghirmay Gebru Paulos	Waleed Suleiman
Evan Ned Kaminsky	Har Kamal Singh	Yijun Zhang
Felix Washington	Mohamed Alzindani	
George H Khanouf	Mohammed Asim	

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Michael Roach	1160	Metro to National

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Arkadiy Dulman	271	Black & White Checker	Regular
2. Mikhail Lirisman	450	Luxor Cab	Regular
3. Gordon Bell	9079	Luxor Cab	Ramp
4. Yuriy Gasparyan	9080	SF Taxi Company	Ramp
5. Alula Woldeab	451	Yellow Cab	Regular
6. William Wilkes	452	Luxor Cab	Regular
7. Steven L. Keys*	1013	Yellow Cab Co-Op	Regular

** Continued from 10.23.07*

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Bader Ali	6-880	Ramp
2. Papinder Singh	6-894	Ramp
3. Hoa Mau Quach	6-879	Ramp

F1. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Luxor Cab
Medallion #s:	1085
Duration of Campaign:	November 19-2007 - January 13,2008
Advertiser:	American Red Cross - Earthquake Preparedness

F2. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to approve a Taxi Wrap Color Scheme for the following Color Scheme:

Color Scheme:	Yellow Cab Coop
Medallion #s:	372, 586, 633, 759, 831, 996 1029, 1186
Duration of Campaign:	November 7,2007 - December 21,2007
Advertiser:	IShares-Cirque Du Soleil

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #
1. Lauren D. Meshel	6-832	14. John G. Pettinger	6-856	27. Rhodora I. Espiritu	6-886
2. Vencer Viray	6-833	15. Masoud A. Charsoughi	6-857	28. Arnold Brewster	6-887
3. James J. McHale	6-835	16. Jeffrey L. Rennie	6-859	29. Reyheo Espiritu	6-888
4. Tuan M. Tran	6-837	17. Leah Bennett	6-864	30. Emil Lawrence	6-889
5. Paul S. Rendleman	6-838	18. Yevgeni Knafelman	6-867	31. Richard J. Vankoll	6-891
6. Tim A. Pori	6-840	19. Gregorio V. Balante Jr.	6-868	32. Karen Michel	6-892

7. Lev Giverts*	6-841	20. Ashok K. Malhotra	6-870	33. Sandy M. Taylor (Bonner)	6-893
8. Satwinder Singh	6-844	21. Salvador R. Gonzalgo	6-871	34. Christian J. Einfeldt	6-895
9. Carison B. Wiley	6-846	22. Daniel H. Yohannes	6-873	35. Carl A. Finley	6-896
10. Neji Khouja	6-847	23. Shaikh M. Idrees	6-875	36. Robert Cameron	6-897
11. Michael B. Schildknecht	6-850	24. Mahamed Ayaz	6-877	37. Nawaf M. Shatrat	6-898
12. Liantoro W. Liem	6-851	25. Michael A. Kazanis	6-881	38. Raymond K. Maung	6-900
13. Eric McMahon	6-852	26. Roger J. Saccomano	6-885	39. Leonid Slootsky*	6-633

*Applicant is no longer interested in the Ramp permit or declined the ramp offer.

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the November 27, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Michael Gibbons	6-470	Arrow Cab	Regular
2. John M. Nickulus	6-484	Arrow Cab	Regular
3. Raymond Delgado	6-475	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
4. Georg J. Rasmussen	6-471	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
5. Ken Dao	6-957	Luxor Cab	Ramp
6. Robert MacKenzie	6-510	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
7. Tai Yip	6-489A	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
8. Yosef Habtemarium	6-473	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
9. Tam D. Nguyen	6-492	Delta Cab	Alt. Fuel
10. Amilcar Pereira	6-927	Luxor Cab	Ramp
11. Nikolay Busel	6-494	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
12. Frederick Lein	6-513	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
13. Reynaldo Magno	6-509	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:	Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Manoch Amireheani	6-904	Ramp	22. Vadim Sheynkman	7-010	Ramp
2. Salvador Del Real	6-905	Ramp	23. Mohammad Arif	7-012	Ramp
3. Imod A. Darak	6-906	Ramp	24. David M. Fernandez	7-024	Ramp
4. Aleksandr Labunsky	6-914	Ramp	25. Richard B. Beal	7-042	Ramp
5. Tooraj Shahlai	6-916	Ramp	26. Adel N. Aldalali	7-043	Ramp
6. Mikhail Shubov	6-926	Ramp	27. Leonid Tsatskin	7-049	Ramp
7. Ali R. Alikani	6-931	Ramp	28. Farid A. Omar	6-907	Ramp
8. Rafail Moldavsky	6-937	Ramp	29. Raymond Rodriguez	6-909	Ramp
9. Adel M. Awadallo	6-942	Ramp	30. Job Tesfamariam	6-941	Ramp
10. Walid J. Eid	6-955	Ramp	31. Majod H. Shaikh	6-912	Ramp
11. Osama Haddad	6-960	Ramp	32. Parsuram Swamy	6-921	Ramp
12. Anthony	6-975	Ramp	33. Dong V.	6-936	Ramp

E. Fernandez			Tran		
13. Anatoly Shirin	6-976	Ramp	34. Saqib Zaheer	6-945	Ramp
14. Alvaro Riva	6-978	Ramp	35. Howard Meehan	6-950	Ramp
15. David Kreutner	6-982	Ramp	36. Tom Aigbuza	6-983	Ramp
16. Amr A. Mahmoud	6-987	Ramp	37. Raymond Wong	6-988	Ramp
17. Maria Yuhas	6-993	Ramp	38. David K. Chan	6-990	Ramp
18. Andrew J.Z. Lee	6-994	Ramp	39. William F. Gahan	7-005	Ramp
19. Sergei Limansky	7-000	Ramp	40. James R. Ingram	7-050	Ramp
20. Dela'o Mario	7-006	Ramp	41. Woldu Kelati	6-917	Ramp
21. Mendi Doroodian	7-008	Ramp	42. Issa Muqattash	6-953	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #
1. Manuel V. Moran*	6-910	8. Felix Labunsky*	6-913	15. Hai X. Pham*	7-018
2. Ahmad Sidaoui*	6-922	9. Mohamed Ghaleb*	6-951	16. Phu X. Pham*	7-019
3. Yahya Benkhelouf*	6-944	10. Mikhail Ratner*	6-956	17. William D. Pallas*	7-041
4. Shin C. Park*	6-962	11. Benali Belani*	6-959	18. Charanjit Singh*	6-935
5. Robert K. Allen*	6-964	12. Rogelio Giron*	6-984	19. Vadim Torgunakov*	9-952
6. Daniel A. Nimri*	7-048	13. David M. Li*	7-009		
7. Evelyn Poquez*	6-968	14. Bonnie Kam*	7-011		

**Declined Ramp Offer*

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Behailu Mekbib	6-474
2. Samuil Zotman	6-476
3. Katherine L. Taylor	6-478
4. Martin Kazinski	6-479
5. Kevin E. McCarthy	6-481
6. Ronnie L. Larry	6-485

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. William Patrick Jones	862	Worldwide to Black & White Checker
2. John Vincent Donnelly	859	Worldwide to Black & White Checker
3. Maximillian J David	960	Worldwide to Black & White Checker
4. Chuck Bun Tong	787	Worldwide to Fog City
5. Edward Charles Bennet	707	Worldwide to Fog City
6. George Francis Blake	957	Worldwide to Fog City
7. Jack Shuck Hoey	386	Worldwide to Fog City
8. Michael TW Chong	1040	Worldwide to Fog City
9. Mahinder Singh	67	United to Yellow Cab

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	Date of Request	
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	Planned Hearing Date
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Review of dispatch changes of medallion holder	Oct 23, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	Date of Request	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	Date of Request	
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	Planned Hearing Date
Commissioner Paek Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs. What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	Date of Request September 26, 2006 May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	Date of Request	
Resolution to State Legislatures regarding urging PUC licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	Planned Hearing Date
Commissioner Oneto	Date of Request	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	Rules Subcommittee Item
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	November 13, 2007
Commissioner Benjamin	Date of Request	
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	Planned Hearing Date

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San Francisco Taxicab Commission

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Commission Chambers

November 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Room 400

Present: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke (late), Oneto

Absent: 0

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, City Attorney Tom Owen, Sergeant Reynolds

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]**

- **Director Machen**: Update on weekly meetings and announcements.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Update on 3rd quarter activity report. 311 is overwhelming giving a lot more statistics gathered but not much else done with the report. Short staffed with not much time to work on everything.
- **Com Breslin:** Thank you for bringing this forward. Are there differences between illegal limos picking up on the streets versus at a hotel?
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Yes but the doormen are soliciting the rides so we cannot ticket them.
- **Com Breslin**: I would like the same law applied to everyone. If we aren't impounding the vehicles then can't the money be recouped by the limo owner for the cost as opposed to the taxi detail? Look forward to seeing the 2nd part of the report.

Commissioner Announcements:

- **Com Breslin**: Min Paek and I were at State of City and we enjoyed it. Serious issue hotels are facing and cannot go into detail at this meeting since it is not agendized. Treasurer's office has changed rules for people who stay in hotels for more than 30 days, language no longer allows airlines in this exemption. They take 1,050 per night and that would lose many taxi rides. Meeting this Monday 10am in City Hall. Received a letter in packet about a driver receiving ticket for dropping off someone in a bus zone. Tickets should be given in common sense when issuing especially since the passenger was disabled.
- **Com Benjamin**: Three complaints with Commission office staff. Brings it up because of last years events to not reoccur. If notice goes out in 2007 then the applicant should be required to receive their medallions under this years requirement.
- **Com Breslin**: Yes especially since we will only have one meeting in December.
- **Director Machen:** When the notice went out staff was very clear in the letter of the requirements. Informally we tried giving some allowances to companies. This is not a problem if the driver has the 4 years to take the extra time. We wanted to extend the courtesy by offering the medallions this year.
- **Com Paek**: Is there any evaluation for the paratransit program? We have not received an update report on the paratransit service.
- **Director Machen**: We are working with Veolia on a ramp survey which should be coming before the Commission in the wintertime.
- **Com Heinicke**: Last Friday in October father-in-law visiting needed a cab and got into a long line and 3 limos approached the taxi stand and told the bellman that he would not take the limo because it was illegal. Issue he cares about and takes seriously. Realizes the frustration out there and needs to be a taxi industry wide issue.
- **Com Benjamin**: How do we make drivers fall under manager's exemption?
- **Director Machen**: MPC code would have to be amended. It also limits small companies. It is drafted as a limited exemption. If the Commission wishes to expand that then Commission could send a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment:

- **Tom Stanghellini**: The applicants didn't receive the letters from the Commission until one week before the deadline.
- **Barry Taranto**: Appreciates Com Heinicke's comments. Wishes the Commission would pass Resolution to the DPT and Police Commission. Sgt Reynolds excellent staff report, however 95% of officers he interviewed during Halloween said that they didn't know the laws.
- **Chuffa**: You have to teach people how to fill out way bills, and how to run their companies.

- **Mike Spain**: A lot of people competing for medallions and is happening in SF or Soviet Union. Limo problem is peak-time limos. They are filling the demand.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Regarding Daly/Ma legislation UTW was in favor of a more flexible standard and prior experience should be substituted for current experience. This legislation should be looked at again.
- **Charles Rathbone**: Luxor arranged for 92 drivers to pick-up at the 49ers game. Grasshopper is very blatant and is a frequent player.
- **Com Heinicke**: Questions about Grasshopper driving taxi. Things are happening because Commission staff and others pressured DA's office to hear this case.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Crew is usually following him around trying to catch him picking up since they must catch him in the act. Was removed from court today in handcuffs.
- **Peter Witt**: Sgt Reynolds should refer to his documents as limo stats.
- **Ruah Graffis**: Reading from Taxi Detail memo to DPT. Drivers are being cited in all zones.
- **TariqMehmood**: Livery on limo plates have certain privileges. Registration card says they are taxis. DPT white zones should be enforced.
- **Jim Gillespie**: Drove home a doorman from Ritz Carlton and he asked what the limo protocol was. Was told visitors are referred to the concierge for a limo.

SPECIAL ORDER 7:00 – 7:30 PM

3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Mohhammed Boya**: Gas prices are increasing and should increase meter at this time. Limo problem
- **Mike Spain**: Prop A is another SF political established agenda item with too many other items. Great that the Commission will be relieved of their duties. Especially because of the Green Fleet Subcommittee since DOE already has a list.
- **Peter Witt**: Study of taxi service and commission over 10 years. No Commissioner has taken this seriously. None of the issues have been addressed over the years.
- **Eric Hatten**: Thanks Commissioner Breslin for calling him back. Thanks everyone who supported him at the last meeting. Follow-up question on disability waiver has sent in ADA forms. Also sent a letter regarding legal issue with Yellow Cab.
- **David Trotmen**: Consider taxi schools on Craigslist.com. Cab College bounced off, too many strong responses. Willing to work with other schools to present one package on the list.
- **Chuffa**: Oct 24th Board of Appeals hearing of David Basada you wonder how those voting members decide. He was revoked because he failed audit but was not audited previous years. Commissioner said that City is recommended to teach small companies how to run their business.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Submitted letters to the Commission and none seemed have received it.
- **Tom Stanghellini**: Bank robber is in jail after car jacking a taxi because of Luxor's gps tracking. Full service cab company helping out the drivers not to the companies' pockets.
- **Barry Taranto**: Oracle and the Mayor said this was good economical benefit to drivers. I could go without it because of

traffic. lack of cab stands and limos. All limos parked at W hotel. Police Commission report for Halloween, should use 1/20th of the officers and would not have the limo problem.

- **Joanne**: Received medallion offer. Has a disability and cannot drive a taxi. Through exercise can walk but cannot drive full requirement. Will become ineligible because of disability.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Cannot discuss your case since do not have the details of your medical condition. you have to speak with staff.
- **Andy Sinayko**: Radio dispatcher at DeSoto for 24 years. Waiting list for 14 years has not driven. Managers told him that he would be exempt from driving. Until the Commission passed the Manager's exemption. When it was passed in 2006 began driving but is one year short and will be disqualified.
- **Tariq Mehmmod**: Issue right now gas prices. Very expensive.
- **Com Heinicke**: Are you in favor of a meter increase for drivers?
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Yes
- **Jim Gillespie**: Francis Gonzales drives a lot and was denied by the Commission because he did not know that Yellow only turned in his ramp waybills as opposed to the regular waybills. Staff says he had his chance. It's taken a few months for us to realize what is going on. He has driven over 2000 hours each year but we have only submitted 600 hours.
- **Pres Gilliespie**: I have no problem with that. We will need to look into this.
- **Hansu Kim**: He's a very strong proponent of Daly/Ma but there are a lot of people that have driven and are not being qualified because of the legislation. Legal action may be taken since there are enough people that are being disqualified because of this.
- **Com Breslin**: Confused about the Consent calendar. Do we get all the names who qualify and do not qualify?
- **Director Machen**: If someone comes into the office who does not meet the requirements the Commission will then place them on the Consent calendar as are others even if they partially meet the requirement.
- **Sylvia Johnson**: Drove a taxi for 6 years

4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

- **Dir Machen**: Sever items C1 D 2-7
- **Pres Gillespie**: Continue D 4 Yuriy Gasparyan

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto**: Require D 4 to take the class again according to the PCC report. Has known Steven Keyes long time maybe should turn in way bills every few months after he is given his medallions.
- **Ruth Keys:** Turned in waybills that she has kept and she compared his waybills and staffs.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: Steven Keys and others as well are all legitimate people falling in the cracks because of Daly/Ma.
- **Mike Spain:** Congratulations to all medallion holders. Very slow process of issuing medallions.
- **EmilLawrence**: Present way the waybills are done are chaotic. There should be a way

drivers can keep records.

- **Dir Machen**: Mr. Lawrence should have turned the letter to staff and not to the Commissioners. There are also applications that he needs to fill out.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Staff not looking at documents.
- **Tom Stanghellini**: Steven Keys professional cab driver should get a medallion.
- **Mark Gruberg**: There is other evidence that should consider when driver's are up for medallions. Should have a better method of keeping waybills.
- **Peter Witt**: Ramp certificate is a scam. Fog City is on calendar for next week and they have issues that deal with public safety.
- **Mary McGuire**: If some of his waybills were not counted because of no time stamps because there is no requirement for time stamps on the waybills.
- **Chuffa**: Mr. Lawrence was confused on the process and made an error. He should not be punished because of this.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Director Machen can you explain agenda Item E, people who are requesting time waivers.
- **Director Machen**: Time waivers are being used to help drivers make up one extra year to meet the driving requirement. Driver's requesting time waivers for ramp taxi would be subject to Daly/ Ma with an additional requirement of driving a ramp taxi 6 months before the applicant receives the offer letter and at least 100 wheelchair pick-ups. The newly issued ramped medallions are also subject to PCC interview.
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to approve Items A- 10.23.2007 Minutes, B- Public Passenger Vehicle drivers, D-1- Grant medallion to Arkadiy Dulman, E- Time Waiver, F 1- Luxor Taxi Wrap, F 2-Yellow Taxi Wrap & G1-29 G 31-39- Ineligible for Ramp
- **Oka**: 2nd Motion
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

  AYES: Benjamin Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

  NOES: 0

  RECUSE: 0

  ABSENT: 0

- **Heinicke**: Motion to grant medallions to Items D-3 Gordon Bell & D-6 William Wilkes
- **Oka**: 2nd
- **Vote**

  AYES: Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto **NOES: 0**

  RECUSE: Benjamin **ABSENT: 0**

- **Com Heinicke**: Approve D-5 Alula Woldeab

- **Breslin**: 2nd
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

  AYES: Benjamin Oka, Breslin, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

  NOES: 0

  RECUSE: Gillespie

  ABSENT: 0

- **Sgt Reynolds**: Continue Item C- Michael Roach color scheme change due to investigation at National Cab. Color scheme is not complying with the SFPD-Detail and Commission staff requests.
- **Com Heinicke**: Is the color scheme applicant part of this investigation? Can you give more information on this issue.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: He is not apart of the investigation but may be.
- **Joseph Breall**: This a clear attempt from Metro cab to hold off the color scheme change. Since this color scheme is unrelated to the investigation it should not be continued.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Received a letter from Joseph Breall who has not responded to any letters or requests, he has been notified.
- **Com Heinicke**: If the applicant is here, please speak.
- **Michael Roach**: Four months since received medallion, he cannot get contracts from Metro. He lives under indentured servitude, since Mr. Hybels claims the Commission and staff has approved his medallion as a favor to him.
- **Com Benjamin**: How will this transfer of this medallion to National affect your investigation?
- **Sgt Reynolds**: It will not affect it. I wanted to let the Commission know.
- **Com Benjamin**: I think we should go ahead with the transfer and not hold it up. Since we are not apart of the transfer. Motion to approve transfer
- **Com Breslin**: 2nd motion.
- **Pres Gillespie**: I cannot approve this to a color scheme that is not cooperating with our staff.
- **Com Heinicke**: This takes things to another level since the color scheme is not cooperating with Detail and staff.
- **Com Benjamin**: Withdraws motion
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to continue this item
- **Com Breslin**: Continue for two weeks.
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

  AYES: Benjamin Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

NOES: 0

RECUSE: 0

ABSENT: 0

- **Sgt Reynolds**: Item D-2 Mikhail Lirisman complaint issued today and needs time to investigate. Possible criminal conduct.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Will continue this item to give you time to investigate?
- **Sgt Reynolds**: It depends since there are 3-4 other things that are pending investigation. No public safety risk.
- **Com Paek**: Continue this item to the next meeting.
- **Com Oka**: 2nd motion
- **Com Heinicke**: We should screen this complaint quickly.
- **Com Oneto**: Would this case hurt the color scheme?
- **Sgt Reynolds**: Always possible but they would better address this than I and I only saw this tonight so I do not have much information.
- **John Lazar**: What is happening is a violation of rules and regulations that Luxor does not want to be apart of.
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

AYES: Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

NOES: 0

RECUSE: Benjamin

ABSENT: 0

- **Com Breslin**: Item D-7 Stephen Keys, would like Ruth Keys to speak on this.
- **Com Heinicke**: Quick overview from Director Machen.
- **Dir Machen**: Recounted waybills in questions and reviewed logs kept by Ruth Keys. Reviewed their dates with her note and found indiscrepencies. Second count showed less driving hours then the first count. There were 12 waybills that were not listed in Mrs. Keyes journal.
- **Ruth Keys**: Overview.
- **Com Benjamin:** Motion to grant medallion to Steven Keys.
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion.
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

AYES: Benjamin Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Oneto

NOES: Heinicke,

RECUSE: Gillespie

ABSENT: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Remove Emil Lawrence's name from the ineligible ramp list.
- **Com Breslin**: Does he maintain his position?
- **Pres Gillespie**: Our staff will review his applications.
- **Com Breslin**: Motion to reinstate him to the ramp waiting list.
- **Com Oka**: 2nd motion

AYES: Benjamin Oka, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto

NOES: 0

RECUSE: 0

ABSENT: 0

5. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers and medallion Applicants [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director**: Overview of this item.
- **Com Heinicke**: This is an important issue that we should focus on especially if the MTA will be taking this Commission over. We should lay down standards on this issue, removing some of these listed would allow some folks to get in who shouldn't.
- **Pres Gillespie**: We can add more over the few months.
- **Com Heinicke**: Good idea. Let's continue other discussions on this and add-on if we need to later.
- **Com Breslin**: Current drivers, will these new parameters include the new drivers?
- **Deputy Director Thigpen:** That brings us into the next part of this where drivers and medallion holders do not undergo any background checks after they are initially approved. Commission could ask that with every A card renewal there's a background check conducted.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Will it be possible to conduct a national background check?
- **Sgt Reynolds**: There is no national database for employment checks but there is a DOJ state database.
- **Com Heinicke**: We should contact the City Attorney on this issue to make sure we get this right and notice the applicant sufficiently. Can we also add something as a "catch-all" to avoid a potential safety hazard. I don't want to delay this by continuing but it should be memorialized in the Resolution.
- **Com Oneto**: Can we approve the Resolutions and just make an amendment to the one section?

- **Pres Gillespie**: If we do not need to have the City Attorney review this, then we can.
- **Com Breslin**: We usually do not approve Resolutions the same day they are introduced.

Public Comment:

- **Tom Stanghellini**: Insurance companies check the driver records. What if someone does not have a good driving record only an annual basis, there's a lot of little points. Drivers should be checked before paying for taxi school.
- **Jim Gillespie**: Glad the items were moved on the resolution, must be careful of where to draw the lines of micromanaging companies.
- **Com Heinicke**: The plural of "convictions" does that mean more than one?
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: It was intended although it was not included. For example, someone recently received 2 DUI's in one year period. So that will be up to you to decide.
- **Com Oneto**: Do they keep records as far back to 10 years? How do you feel about two DUI's in the last 10 years?
- **Charles Rathbone**: No objections but tactical delay of receiving an A-card takes a long period. The background check could result in an indefinite delay.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Thank you for reinstating me on the position. This is not a court and staff should not be doing this law work. 75% of drivers are not from the US and how are you going to check their backgrounds?
- **Mark Gruberg**: There should be time prohibitions on some of these. Things should not follow people around for their entire life. There are some indiscrepencies between the resolutions from today and the last Commission meeting. These go too far.
- **Hansu Kim**: We can avoid a lot of everyone's time if the Commission staff included color schemes when drafting resolutions. This item could have been crafted better if the community gave their input.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: Do not see the need to put in the specific points since the MPC language is inclusive.
- **Peter Witt**: Not one speaker has spoken for this resolution. Rehabilitation and jail are two sources to fix these violations. Staff is rushing to judgment.
- **Mike Spain**: Known a few murders and some drug dealers. Also knows drivers who carry weapon. Others who have convictions and served time.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: What prompts this Commission to rush these rules? The laws been drafted by someone who doesn't have much experience.
- **Mr. Singh**: Speaking on behalf of drivers. If a driver is convicted and served time, why should this be a problem? This is a waste of everyone's time.
- **Sgt Reynolds**: People are not happy. Citizens have written letters of complaints of bad service. This will weed out a small group of people that harp the system. If we do not have the tools how do we know if we have sexual predators? There aren't only 1 or 2 problems. We are looking for heavy duty violators. We want this tool to make

the City safer for everyone.

- **Mary McGuire**: Who will pay for this? Legislation is confusing because it talks about different things. Who does this apply too and does this apply retroactively?
- **John Lazar**: What about limo drivers? We should know who's driving but it happens without our knowledge. Personal information is difficult to find. Reaching out to the color schemes is important. Background checks on long time drivers doesn't make sense.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: This is not retroactive and only applies to new drivers. I believe in redemption but that does not mean that we should sit back and allow people that have convictions to drive the public around.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Do you know the recommendations we have suggested?
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: Yes, I only ask the Commission pass the P-16 medallion Resolution since it will take more resources to revoke a medallion than to prevent one from going through.
- **Com Heinicke**: We presented some changes and members of the public have too. I continue to debate what the background check should be since I agree that there should be a background check. Should we allow the detail work their standards or should we have thoroughly listed criteria.
- **Com Oneto**: All companies do background checks on their employees. I don't see why taxi drivers shouldn't.
- **Com Paek**: Does not feel comfortable voting on this tonight. I would like to have included the companies' opinions. We should pause and think about a consensus on this issue with all the stake holders.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: We did consult with a few taxi company owners. Some companies do not cooperate with us to establish standards when they do not adhere to current standards.
- **Pres Gillespie**: We would like for you to make the proposed changes and come back to you at the next scheduled meeting.

6. **Subpoena Authority and Hearing Rule Changes - Recommending Board of Supervisor Legislation [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]**

   ***Continued to call of the Chair**

7. **Public Convenience and Necessity: Establishing Appropriate Number of Taxis, Including Possible Issuance of Peak Time Medallions [POSSIBLE ACTION]**

   ***Continued to call of the Chair**

8. **Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)**

- **Carl Macmurdo**: MUNI and taxi allows for felons and gives other people a second chance. Possibly future agendas should cover this.
- **Charles Rathbone**: Agenda should be put together differently. Better effort to be made.
- **Rich Hybels**: Only have asked medallion holders to give him 30 days notice for color scheme.
- **Laurie Graham**: Parking drop-off in white/ blue zone issue that needs to be addressed.

9. Adjournment -11:05pm

Taxicab Commission

November 27, 2007

TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

November 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Convenience and Necessity: Establishing Appropriate Number of Taxis, Including Possible Issuance of Peak Time Medallions [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]
3. Allowing Newly Issued Hybrid or Alternative Fuel Taxi Restricted Permits to be Used Alternatively in Ramped Taxis. [ACTION]
   SPECIAL ORDER 8:00 - 8:30 PM
4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
5. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers and Medallion Applicants [ACTION]
6. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
9. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. Consideration of the Minutes for the November 13, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Ahmed Saeed Irfan	Muamar Abdo Alhanshali
Ahsan Azeem	Muluneh Taye
Anan M Asleim	Nadhem Chamkhi
Basim Aburas	Salah H Murshed
Cuong K Luu	Samer Fahim Qirreh
Diogo Costa Martini	Serhat Turhantok
Erimias Kassa	Takele Sahlu Alemayehu
Farhad Ebrahimi	Tesfu Gebretsadik
Iheanyi Achinulo	Tsendayush Gankhuu
Joseph Makonnen	Vijay Kumar Dass
Manuel R Urrutia	

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Michael Gibbons	454	Arrow Cab	Regular
2. John M. Nickulus	539	Arrow Cab	Regular
3. Raymond Delgado	1315	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
4. Georg J. Rasmussen	1307	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
5. Ken Dao	9081	Luxor Cab	Ramp
6. Robert MacKenzie	1308	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
7. Tai Yip	1309	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
8. Yosef Habtemarium	1310	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
9. Tam D. Nguyen	1311	Delta Cab	Alt. Fuel
10. Amilcar Pereira	9082	Luxor Cab	Ramp
11. Nikolay Busel	1312	Luxor Cab	Alt. Fuel
12. Frederick Lein	1313	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
13. Reynaldo Magno	1314	Yellow Cab	Alt. Fuel
14. Mikhail Lirisman*	450	Luxor	Regular

**Continued from November 13, 2007and would like a Color Scheme change requiring the Commission to waive Notice*

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:	Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Manoch Amireheani	6-904	Ramp	22. Vadim Sheynkman	7-010	Ramp
2. Salvador Del Real	6-905	Ramp	23. Mohammad Arif	7-012	Ramp
3. Imod A. Darak	6-906	Ramp	24. David M. Fernandez	7-024	Ramp
4. Aleksandr Labunsky	6-914	Ramp	25. Richard B. Beal	7-042	Ramp
5. Tooraj Shahlai	6-916	Ramp	26. Adel N. Aldalali	7-043	Ramp
6. Mikhail	6-926	Ramp	27. Leonid	7-049	Ramp

Shubov			Tsatskin		
7. Ali R. Alikani	6-931	Ramp	28. Farid A. Omar	6-907	Ramp
8. Rafail Moldavsky	6-937	Ramp	29. Raymond Rodriguez	6-909	Ramp
9. Adel M. Awadallo	6-942	Ramp	30. Job Tesfamariam	6-941	Ramp
10. Walid J. Eid	6-955	Ramp	31. Majod H. Shaikh	6-912	Ramp
11. Osama Haddad	6-960	Ramp	32. Parsuram Swamy	6-921	Ramp
12. Anthony E. Fernandez	6-975	Ramp	33. Dong V. Tran	6-936	Ramp
13. Anatoly Shirin	6-976	Ramp	34. Saqib Zaheer	6-945	Ramp
14. Alvaro Riva	6-978	Ramp	35. Howard Meehan	6-950	Ramp
15. David Kreutner	6-982	Ramp	36. Tom Aigbuza	6-983	Ramp
16. Amr A. Mahmoud	6-987	Ramp	37. Raymond Wong	6-988	Ramp
17. Maria Yuhas	6-993	Ramp	38. David K. Chan	6-990	Ramp
18. Andrew J.Z. Lee	6-994	Ramp	39. William F. Gahan	7-005	Ramp
19. Sergei Limansky	7-000	Ramp	40. James R. Ingram	7-050	Ramp
20. Dela'o Mario	7-006	Ramp	41. Woldu Kelati	6-917	Ramp
21. Mendi Doroodian	7-008	Ramp	42. Issa Muqattash	6-953	Ramp

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a **Ramp** Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #	Applicant Name	List #
1. Manuel V. Moran*	6-910	8. Felix Labunsky*	6-913	15. Hai X. Pham*	7-018
2. Ahmad Sidaoui*	6-922	9. Mohamed Ghaleb*	6-951	16. Phu X. Pham*	7-019
3. Yahya Benkhelouf*	6-944	10. Mikhail Ratner*	6-956	17. William D. Pallas*	7-041
4. Shin C. Park*	6-962	11. Benali Belani*	6-959	18. Charanjit Singh*	6-935
5. Robert K. Allen*	6-964	12. Rogelio Giron*	6-984	19. Vadim Torgunakov*	9-952
6. Daniel A. Nimri*	7-048	13. David M. Li*	7-009		
7. Evelyn Poquez*	6-968	14. Bonnie Kam*	7-011		

**Declined Ramp Offer*

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name(s)	List #
1. Behailu Mekbib	6-474
2. Samuil Zotman	6-476
3. Katherine L. Taylor	6-478
4. Martin Kazinski	6-479
5. Kevin E. McCarthy	6-481
6. Ronnie L. Larry	6-485

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. William Patrick Jones	862	Worldwide to Black & White Checker
2. John Vincent Donnelly	859	Worldwide to Black & White

		Checker
3. Maximillian J David	960	Worldwide to Black & White Checker
4. Chuck Bun Tong	787	Worldwide to Fog City
5. Edward Charles Bennet	707	Worldwide to Fog City
6. George Francis Blake	957	Worldwide to Fog City
7. Jack Shuck Hoey	386	Worldwide to Fog City
8. Michael TW Chong	1040	DeSoto to Town taxi
9. Mahinder Singh	67	United to Yellow Cab

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice. The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the December 11, 2007 hearing.

A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Yared Ephrem	6-493	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
2. Manohar S. Bawa	6-497	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
3. Lawrence Kelley	6-504	National	Alt. Fuel
4. Dean Olsen	6-508	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
5. Bernard Schnatter	6-511	DeSoto	Alt. Fuel
6. Jamal Tawasha	6-491	Luxor	Alt. Fuel
7. Chris Hoang	6-938	Luxor	Ramp
8. Rafael Machkovsky	6-954	Town	Ramp
9. Kham Ta	6-967	Yellow	Ramp
10. David Kreutner	6-982	Luxor	Ramp
11. Ghassan Hammoudeh	7-021	Luxor	Ramp
12. George Wade	7-029	Yellow	Ramp
13. Tan Vuong	7-033	Luxor	Ramp

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Awan S. Sweis	7-051	Ramp
2. Joshua A. Miller	6-963	Ramp
3. Rami A. Sulaiman	6-999	Ramp
4. Conotantino D. Peralta	6-911	Ramp
5. Negash Tesfasilasie	7-002	Ramp
6. Omar Bubaker	6-948	Ramp
7. Emil Lawrence	6-889	Ramp
8. Herbert Gee	7-001	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List#
1. Dennis O'Sullivan	6-487
2. Prithvipal S. Toor	6-498
3. JoanAnn S. Radu-Sinaiko	6-499
4. Andrew Sinaiko	6-500
5. Winfield L. McCoy	6-501
6. Wilita K. Bowen	6-503
7. Barnaby Casperian	6-505

8. Christopher A. Fulkerson	6-506
9. Monroe S. Stark	6-507
10. Larry C. Anderson	6-512

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List#	Applicant Name	List#	Applicant Name	List
1. Earl F. Moore	6-901	27. Christopher E. French		53. Lorenzo V. Caruso	7-020
2. Fariborz Golshan	6-902	28. James G. McGuire	6-966	54. Bijan Niakian	7-022
3. John Flarkey	6-903	29. Tariq N. Baig	6-969	55. Vicky Lynn	7-023
4. Jeffrey Mar	6-908	30. Bajjad W. Baig	6-970	56. Craig S. Breibart	7-025
5. Thanh V. Dao	6-915	31. Lloyd Brown	6-971	57. Havey L. Owens	7-026
6. Woldu Kelaci	6-917	32. Robert E. Garrett	6-973	58. Gregory J. Roden	7-027
7. Earl R. Franklin	6-918	33. Wayne L. Swisher	6-974	59. Robert A. Conrad	7-028
8. Young C. Park	6-919	34. Robert Cowles	6-977	60. Victor A. Young	7-030
9. Robert J. Giard	6-920	35. Darrell S. Jobe	6-980	61. Angela R. Sangalang	7-031
10. Mike Shanley	6-923	36. Wolfgang P. Wenger	6-981	62. Erlie M. Sebastian	7-032
11. James Regan	6-924	37. Khalil A. Lakah	6-985	63. Munther Salman	7-034
12. Scott A. Krile	6-925	38. Lee Ng	6-986	64. Robert Terranova	7-035
13. Relondo A. Bell	6-928	39. Drake T. Batterson	6-989	65. Gregory Mathis	7-036
14. Michael K. Powers	6-929	40. Emad Abu-Hayyah	6-991	66. Walter J. Morgan	7-037
15. Fatemeb T. Dadfarin	6-930	41. Cynthia Snowden	6-992	67. Joseph Bryak	7-038
16. Suleiman A. Masalha	6-932	42. Gideon Tesfaye	6-995	68. Willie De Luca	7-039
17. Samuel Smith	6-934	43. Saeed N. Poortowsi	6-996	69. Dianne Andrews	7-040
18. Gregg F. Stuhler	6-939	44. Frankie W. Wong	6-997	70. Adel N. Aldalali	7-043
19. John Panages	6-940	45. Richard Chang	6-998	71. Alexander Sarain	7-044
20. Elias Y. Saadan	6-943	46. Eric Hansen	7-003	72. Kenneth M. Harris	7-045
21. Tara Shannon	6-946	47. William Peyser	7-004	73. Ibrahim N. Abdulkariem	7-046
22. Francisco H. Antolin	6-947	48. Khaldoun F. Sukkar	7-007	74. Lewis Lee	7-047
23. Timothy S. Jones	6-949	49. Dave Tuliao	7-013	75. James Regan*	6-924
24. Felix Grau	6-958	50. Stephanie P. Chang	7-014	76. Christopher French*	6-966
25. Mikhail Smilovitsky	6-961	51. Selwyn Lee	7-016	77. Wolfgang P. Wenger*	6-985
26. William G. Mounsey	6-965	52. Brian Hoyt	7-017		

**Declined Ramp Offer*

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

1. William H Case	1103	American to Yellow Cab
2. Theodore Gray	150	Luxor to DeSoto

3. George Lancia	846	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
4. Evern Byrd	1031	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
5. Steve Goldstein	923	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
6. Keith Raskin	1137	Worldwide to B&W Checker
7. Carol Fenner	953	Worldwide to B&W Checker

F. Commission Request to Calendar

President Gillespie	**Date of Request**	
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	Planned Hearing Date
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Review of dispatch changes of medallion holder	Oct 23, 2007	
Vice President Breslin	**Date of Request**	
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka	**Date of Request**	
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	Planned Hearing Date
Commissioner Paek	**Date of Request**	
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke	**Date of Request**	
Resolution to State Legislatures regarding urging PUC licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	Planned Hearing Date
Commissioner Oneto	**Date of Request**	
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	Rules Subcommittee Item
Hearing on the standards Police use to deny an A-card to a driver based on a criminal background Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	November 13, 2007
Commissioner Benjamin	**Date of Request**	
Time waivers	June 12, 2007	Planned Hearing Date

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Taxicab Commission

November 27, 2007

MINUTES

Commission Chambers
November 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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11/27/07

Present: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke (late), Oneto

Absent: Breslin, Paek

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, City Attorney Tom Owen, Lieutenant Schlotz

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Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

3. Allowing Newly Issued Hybrid or Alternative Fuel Taxi Restricted Permits to be Used Alternatively in Ramped Taxis. [ACTION]

* Item was taken out of order.

- **Director Machen** : Introduction of item and amendment to resolution
- **PresGillespie**: Speaking on behalf of this and ramp drivers whowill be using this. Hopes to pass this resolution.
- **Com Oka**: In support of this. If we have ramp drivers getting medallions but want to continue serving the community, this is a good way to do this.
- **Com Benjamin**: Will this be temporary? Will this then be 24 hybrid and 26 ramps? Who and when can they switch over if they would like to leave the program. This is a little confusing.
- **Pres Gillespie**: It would be up to the individual driver to replace hybrid with ramp. Knowing two of the drivers that want to do this, I know this would be serving the community.
- **Director Machen**: He could move his medallion in the future if he chooses to do so into a sedan vehicle.

Public Comment:

- **Laurie Graham**: I do not consider putting a regular medallion on a ramp as a restricted medallion since you can still pick up anyone in the vehicle.
- **Charles Rathbone**: Supporting this and anything else that provides options
- **Tom Stanghellini**: This goes against what the commission voted for when voting for hybrid CNG vehicles. Don't take a hybrid and put it into

a ramp van. This will mix things up.

- **Barry Taranto**: Only four Commissioners here should have a full commission. New medallions for hybrids not for ramp vans.
- **Mark Gurberg**: Alt fuel medallion should drive that vehicle. These folks should wait for a regular medallion to keep the alt fuel intact and with the Mayor's 2011 goals.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan**: Important to encourage non-idling technology in the city. Take all possible action in the city. If someone wants to keep a ramp vehicle with a regular than it should be allowed.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Medallions to be considered should be allowed without the condition for pick ups and what vehicle is being used.
- **Hansu Kim**: What is the definition of an alternative fuel vehicle? We should have a definition before we have restrictions.
- **Chuffa**: Bad precedent passing this resolution.
- **Com Benjamin**: We do not have any alt fuel vehicle if we do not have a list, so we shouldn't be issuing these medallions.
- **Com Oneto**: No one has to buy an alt fuel until July 2008 so no one has to operate that vehicle until then.
- **Dir Machen**: The amendment to the Resolution would subject any of these medallions to van rules.
- **Com Oka**: Motion to approve resolution as amended
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd motion
- **Roll Call**
- **Vote**

Ayes: Gillespie, Oneto, Heinicke, Oka
Noes: Benjamin
Absent: 0
Recuse: 0

2. Public Convenience and Necessity: Establishing Appropriate Number of Taxis, Including Possible Issuance of Peak Time Medallions [DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION]

- **Pres Gillespie**: Would like to first go to public comment.

Public Comment:

- **Keith Raskin**: Issue has been long in the industry. Has Heinicke read the Agnos report from years ago? Should fix the industry before the issues.
- **Barry Taranto**: Many drivers here to speak on this issue. There are no studies in the packet, should delay this to look at the study. What's the effect of the new medallions already issued. Should wait for that first.
- **Tom Stanghellini**: Peak time medallions a good idea. Let's utilize the fleet. Allow drivers to make same turns that MUNI drivers are allowed.
- **Charles Rathbone**: Peak time medallion drivers should allow the opportunity to return the medallion without a penalty. Should not be restrictive and mandatory for people on the list.
- **Chuffa**: New medallions are better does not agree with peak time medallions. Limos take up a lot of the business.
- **Com Heinicke**: After issuing these medallions this would be it, does not want to flood the market on Monday mornings. It's my plan to move for 69 fulltime additional medallions. Peak time medallions to be addressed in the prop k charter reform working group.
- **Healy**: Going into a recession, more is not necessarily better. Becomes dangerous since drivers will be racing each other to fares.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan**: It is impossible to pick up people and not get

tickets. City is not friendly to taxi drivers. Peak time medallions would be feasible.

- **Mark Gruberg, UTW**: Oppose additional medallions at this point. Since the previously issued 50 medallions have yet to hit the streets. Publish surveys first.
- **Com Heinicke**: Did you feel the last PCN study support 100 medallions, yes or no?
- **Mark Gruberg**: The last survey was flawed and would like to see some evidence for more medallions.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Never enough cabs in the city. People expect taxi service to wait at their door. There will never be enough taxis. Nothing has changed over the years.
- **Com Heinicke**: What was the effect on your business?
- **Bill Mounsey**: It took 4 years to pick up business.
- **Barry Korngold**: Too complicated to put out peak time cabs out. First get rid of the limos and then issue the medallions.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: This meeting should not talk about how many medallions to issue but a report for the future.
- **Hansu Kim**: Number of medallions important to service. Last PC&N study was flawed and this should not be done without a true survey. The numbers are all political, since there are no objective materials.
- **Com Heinicke**: Do you think there are enough taxis in the City?
- **Hansu Kim**: No, Bruce Schaller's survey was best done. Many ways to improve public service. But using public comments should not be the factor used to make the decision on issuing the medallions.
- **Marty Smith**: Always a proponent of more cabs. But economy is on a downslide and would rather see 20 medallions introduced at a time as opposed to the large number at once.
- **Carl McMurdo**: Weekend embarrassing shortage in the city. Since the approved medallions have not been put out on the streets, cannot judge the impact.
- **Name**: There is a shortage at all times especially conventions since the cabs won't service the outer parts of the city.
- **Peter Witt**: (Include handout in the minutes) More cabs are better service. Illegal limos and health care can happen if fares are increased.
- **John Lazar**: There's a law regarding limos. Sit at hotels in the evenings and cannot get a cab or town car. If you enforce the laws then possibly can put hundreds more medallions on the streets.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Shift changing during 3-7pm causes the biggest problem for need.
- **Pres Gillespie**: Giving the City 119 taxis will do the City service. One cab per every 500 people. Only DC and Honolulu have higher number of cabs per capita. There will be a follow-up on the illegal limo issue. There is no one formula to make sure this is correct but has done research and will vote for this.
- **Com Heinicke**: Dir Machen in reaction to comments made regarding the winter season can we issue 10 medallions per month over 2008.
- **Dir Machen**: Can do this, we have done this last year. And if you vote to approve tonight then the Controller's office would issue a report as well as a report from the planning department.
- **Com Oka**: If we put out more medallions, we will have to think about meter rate increases. The public should pay more for cabs if they want more cabs. How much we raise the meter, not too sure. But people he has spoken with have agreed.
- **Com Heinicke**: Does not agree but would like to see an increase in dispatch service. Not so much to set the market but allow dispatch surcharge programs within the color scheme to charge the outer city

customers.

- **Com Benjamin**: Agrees with what he has heard so far. We should slowly release the medallions.
- **Com Heinicke**: The notion that the public is underserved and the current issuing process is not great and this is a relatively small increase that has for me been apart of the process from the beginning. Personal preference to do this tonight and address peak time at a later date.
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to move 69 alternative fuel/hybrid new medallions
- **Com Benjamin**: 2nd motion

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke
No: Oneto
Absent: Breslin, Paek
Recuse: 0

6. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

* Item was taken out of order.

- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to approve items A – 11.13.07 Minutes & B- New Public Passenger Permits
- **Com Oka** : 2nd motion
- **Voice vote**

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
No: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
Recuse: 0

- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to approve items C1-Grant medallion to Michael Gibbons,C2- Grant medallion to John Nickulus & C9 – Grant medallion to Tam D Nguyen
- **Voice vote**

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
No: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
Recuse: 0

- **Dir Machen**: Staff memo and update.
- **Raymond Delgado**: Took another job during the years and lost track of the requirements to receive a medallion. In 2005 received a notice that would be required to drive but had not been driving.
- **Jim Gillespie**: No requirement when he was on the list to receive medallion to have driving time. No Daly/Ma when he was on the list. He is a victim and should be considered.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: The changed interpretation was an issue and for bonafide driver's Commission should be lenient. Daly/Ma may have amendment.
- **Barry Tarantо**: What about all those other drivers that have to drive when they have health issues? Why didn't he start driving when he received the letter? Commission should not make an exception.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Legislation was prospective and drivers have had the opportunity and flexibility to be able to meet the driving requirement.
- **Hansu Kim**: All supported Daly/Ma and very unfair to driver's who have

fallen through the cracks.

- **Com Oka**: Could Mr. Delgado apply for a time waiver?
  Dir Machen: A time waiver would not apply to Mr. Delgado since he needs more than one year.
- **Emil Lawrence**: This person drove years past and has been on the list regardless if he missed the deadline.
- **Chuffa**: This is strange that the Commission is going case by case on this issue. Commissioners should check this rule and requirements should be met.
- **Nathan Dwiri**: Delgado also drove a ramp taxi for several years.
- **JoanAnn**: The intent behind driving a cab is having qualified drivers. Unfair that he will be penalized for this.
- **Grasshopper Alec Kaplan**: Punishment the drivers go through daily basis.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Also a long time driver and continuously drove as a taxi driver. If drivers keep breaking the rules what is the point?
- **Barry Korngold**: Daly/Ma problem is it is unpredictable to know when you will receive your medallion. So drivers take other jobs to supplement income since they do not make as much money as medallion holders.
- **Com Heinicke**: No doubt that Mr. Delgado is a good guy but the rules are the rules and there is a driving requirement. Will be denying medallion.
- **Com Benjamin**: Will have to agree.
- **Com Oneto**: Also agree but he voluntarily took himself out of service.
- **Com Heinicke**: I do not think he has a good case for an appeal because the Daly/Ma is black and white. Board of Appeals should respect the rules passed.
- **Com Oneto**: Motion to deny medallion to C3- Raymond Delgado
- **Com Heinicke**: 2nd to deny

Ayes: Oka, Heinicke, Oneto, Benjamin
Recuse: Gillespie
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

Public Comment: None

- **Com Onto:** Motion to approve items C4- Grant medallion to Georg J Rasmussen, C8- Grant medallion to Yosef Habtemarium, C12- Grant medallion to Frederick Lein & C-13 Grant medallion to Reynaldo Magno
- **Com Heinicke:** 2nd motion

Ayes: Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: Gillespie
Absent: Breslin, Paek

No: 0

- **Com Oneto**: Motion to approve C5-Ken Dao, C6- Robert MacKenzie, C7- Tai Yip, C10- Amilcar Pereira & C11- Nikolay Busel
- **Com Heinicke**: 2nd motion

Ayes: Gillespie, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: Benjamin
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Continued C-14- Mikhail Lirisman because no quorum, since Yellow and Luxor must recuse from the vote.
- **Com Heinicke:** Apologies to Mr. Lirisman and would like to continue this to the call of the chair.
- **Dir Machen**: Remove D-26 Adel Aldalali from receiving a time waiver, since applicant withdrew his name.
- **Com Oka:** Motion to remove D-26
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

- **Com Oka**: Motion to approve Item E- applicant ineligible for a ramp medallion for failure to respond
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd motion.

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

- **Martin Kazinski**: Similar situation as Delagado has medical condition that does not allow him to drive. Daly/Ma does not accommodate him.
- **Dir Machen**: He has come before the Commission before and he did not accept Taxi Commission accommodation, which would allow him to meet the driving requirement prospectively.

Public Comment:
- **Peter Witt**: Supports Martin Kazinski. Commission can accommodate him.
- **Mark Gruberg**: There was no past opportunity for him to appeal; it has now become possible for him to appeal. This Commission needs to set standards for these conditions.
- **JoanAnn**: In favor of not removing Mr. Kazinski from the list. His information needs not be public but drivers should not be limited to speak to what accommodations were offered to him to the past.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Commission is digging a hole since every week there is an issue concerning all these problems. Should either stick to the law or make an accommodation.
- **Hansu Kim**: Legal question to retroactively apply to people who have already paid to be on the list.
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to remove F-Martin Kazinski from the PC&N waiting list
- **Com Oka**: 2nd
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to remove F1- Behailu Mekbib, F2- Samuil Zotman, F3- Katherine Taylor, F5- Kevin McCarthy and F6- Ronnie Larry from the PC&N waiting list.
- **Com Oka**: 2nd

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: 0

Absent: Breslin, Paek

No: 0

- **Pres Gillespie:** Item G, will take public comment

Public Comment:

- **Peter Witt**: Fog City colors are not contrasting colors and are not the law.
- **Com Heinicke**: Can staff look into this.
- **Dir Machen**: This Commission would have approved original color scheme as have the police. What is the Commission requesting?
- **Com Heinicke**: Would like the Director to review the color scheme.
- **Com Oneto**: Fog City numbers difficult to detect.
- **Com Benjamin**: Agrees.
- **Grasshopper:** Also observed difficulty to see
- **Richard Hybels**: Medallions going to a highly performing to a low performing dispatch.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: B&W Checker sent a letter to the Commission that only a certain number of medallions are approved. Commission should find out which medallions are single shifts.
- **Com Heinicke**: Does staff know if these medallions are single shifts or not? Do you know why these drivers have gone to B&W as opposed to another color scheme? What about the others going to Fog City?
- **Keith Raskin**: They will be full-time and they switched to follow me. They made their own decision collectively.
- **John Lazar**: Disappointed Commissioners are allowing these color scheme changes to not full-service companies
- **Com Oka**: Motion to approve color scheme change for items G1- William Jones, G2- John Donnelly, G3- Max David, G4- Chcuk Tong, G5- Edward Bennet, G6- George Blake, G7- Jack Schuck, G8- Michael Chong
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd motion

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

- **Com Oka:**Motion to approve color scheme change G9- Mahinder Singh
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion

Ayes: Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: Gillespie
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

SPECIAL ORDER 8:00 - 8:30 PM

4. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

- **Barry Taranto**: Commission should have come up with rules and regulations months ago. There should be a fee charged to anyone who has not met the driving requirement. New cab stand at Intercontinental hotel. SFPD-Detail needed at 49er home games. There should be a handout by the Commission to tell driver's they do not have to pay.
- **Hansu Kim**: Why has this Commission approve medallions to people who have not qualified for a medallion? So what is the policy the Commission

has?

- **Eric Hatten**: Spoke with Commission on two meetings previous but have not heard from the Commission on his status. Heard that everyone was given a letter for Daly/Ma, but only first 200 were mailed out.
- **Dir Machen**: This applicant was not an A card holder 4 years ago, it would be impossible for him to meet his requirement.
- **Com Heinicke**: Call the office to discuss this with the Director.
- **Chuffa:** Why do the Commissioners require newly issued medallion holders to drive 156 4 hour shifts? Shift changing is a problem since it cannot happen off the lot. This kills the business. Allow independent drivers to be able to shift off the lot.
- **Lt. Schlotz**: Trend of people approved without completing the driving requirement
- **Dan Hinds**: Unable to attend the last meeting. To my knowledge National has not been under investigation and that type of remark and suggestion says something to people.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Rules keep changing for post k medallions but none of the rules apply to those medallion holders. Pre-K medallions are now on the post K medallion list; if that is the case then the laws should apply to all people on the list.
- **Keith Raskin**, B&W Checker: Survey was taken in the spring and B&W did 100%.
- **Bill Mounsey**: Commission should enforce laws on limos before releasing more medallions. Limos are cutting into his business.
- **JoanAnn:** Will possibly be disqualified for being disabled since she signed contract and that should stand. Commission should have an open policy for all accommodations given to people that have disabilities. Minutes from the last meeting not on the web.
- **Name**: Passengers smoking crack in his cab and he notified dispatch that called the police and dispatched police to his location.
- **Name**: Similar situation to Delgado but has always worked for DeSoto. When information received it was not certified on Daly/Ma and never signed any agreement.
- **Name**: Green Cab flyer and not sure if the letter is violation or discrimination because it would allow UTW members first.
- **Ruah Graffis**: Reason Yellow and other companies do not charge for credit card slips is because UTW rallied BOS of this legislation.
- **Barry Korngold**: Has been on the list for many years and was sent his notice but won't be heard until 2008, but only has driving 3 out of the 4 years.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: On the next agenda should put on the agenda to prorate for 2008. JoanAnn and Mr. Saidniku may qualify under lawsuit.
- **Jim Gillespie**: Cannot charge for credit card use and only two companies have invested in equipment. Majority goes through vendors and pays a fee.
- **Peter Witt**: Handout and overview.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Drivers should not pay the business license fee. Hours for 2008 should be prorated. Green cab also has credit cards. Commission should make it mandatory that all taxis have credit card machines.
- **Tone Lee**: Three medallions should be ended. Prop K undermines the public. When the medallion holder ages they can't drive they will lease it to people.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Michael Roach's medallion should have been approved at the last meeting.
- **Mark Gruberg**: UTW does not charge drivers as long as they follow the procedures of the company.

5. Criminal Background Checks for Taxi Drivers and Medallion Applicants [ACTION]

- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director**: Introducing the item.
- **Com Heinicke**: Resolution limited to discretion of police department to provide the Commission with the results.
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: Correct, the background check would be not be disclosed to the public. Amendment to be made to include that.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone**: Support staff proposal.
- **Emil Lawrence**: Objects the Resolution. Was not posted online.
- **Thomas George Williams**: Should not meddle in drivers backgrounds.
- **Spanky Williams**: Was a prisoner and served term. Could not drive taxi in LA so came back to SF. Recidivism is high and Commission should not limit who drives taxis.
- **Carl Macmurdo**: Should not have too much rigidity on background.
- **Peter Witt**: Was a nice person before he became a driver.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Resolution has been changing over the last few weeks.
- **Chuffa**: Supported this in the past but does not any more.
- **Nate Dwiri**: When he first applied police officers knocked on neighbors doors to find out who he was. How are you to check backgrounds of people from other countries?
- **Deputy Director Thigpen**: This will be solely for medallion holders with the discretion to review. Commission staff is not making the decision but rather detail will be.
- **Com Heinicke**: Motion to approve resolution with amendment
- **Com Oneto**: 2nd

Ayes: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka, Heinicke, Oneto
Recuse: 0
Absent: Breslin, Paek
No: 0

7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- **Dir Machen**: Update and overview.
- **Commissioner Announcements:**
- **Com Oka**: B&W Checker certificate for most improved cab company
- **Com Benjamin**: Can we agendize that anyone who is given a letter in 2007 will be held to 2007 requirements.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone**: Read on the Mayor's website a charter reform working group separate from the Commission's Charter Reform working group.
- **Barry Korngold**: Language of Daly/Ma vague for 2008.
- **Peter Witt**: Macy's stand is always blocked by limo.
- **Chuffa**: Thanks Commissioner Benjamin to address this issue. Why should drivers have to drive 156 4 hour shifts?
- **Thomas George Williams**: All taxi stands are occupied by limos.

8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)

- **Tom Stanghellini**: There are a lot of shady things going on with the leases

that are paying for shifts.

9. Adjournment at 10:15pm

Taxicab Commission

November 30, 2007 - Special Meeting

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

November 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
City Hall,1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

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Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
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Present: Gillespie, Benjamin, Oka (late), Oneto, Paek

Absent: Heinicke, Breslin

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, City Attorney Tom Owen

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

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1. Michael Roach	1160	Metro to National

Public Comment:

- **Hansu Kim:** Delay in granting medallion hurt Michael Roach. Inappropriate to hold up color scheme change under speculation of an investigation. Taxi Commission should create standards.

- **Tariq Mehmood:** Commission staff running office. Initially, granting Michael Roach a medallion was questionable because of his qualifications and now he is applying for a color scheme change, this should not be held up.

- **Roll Call**

- **Com Oneto:** Motion to approve color scheme change for Michael Roach.

- **Com Benjamin:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Paek, Oneto
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Breslin, Oka, Heinicke
RECUSE: 0

3. **Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)**

- **Tariq Mehmood:** Commission should not vote on big items since it will be going under the MTA. Let the MTA take over the big action items.

- **Wes Hollis, Executive taxi:** Discussed his handout which he has revised to the Commissioners on hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles. Overview of other items.

- **Pres Gillespie:** You did not include the Civic CNG which we have approved.

- **Wes Hollis:** CNG is a dinosaur.

- **Dan Hinds:** Appreciates Commission for holding a special meeting on this issue.

- **Michael Roach:** Taxi business and public are here to serve the public. Regardless of the disagreements, "can't we all just get along?"

Adjournment 2:15pm

Taxicab Commission

December 11, 2007 - Special Meeting

Special Meeting
TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Annual Safety Hearing as required by Municipal Police Code § 1147.3 [INFORMATION]
3. Management Exemption Update [INFORMATION]
4. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation of Permits: [ACTION]

   a. Adoption of Hearing Officer's Findings for Regents Cab, color scheme for violation of MPC Section 1147.4 Compliance with Workers' Compensation

   b. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

SPECIAL ORDER 8:00 - 8:30 PM

5. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
6. Consent Calendar [ACTION]
7. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
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A. Consideration of the Minutes for the November 27, 2007 Taxicab Commission Meeting.

B. Consideration of the Minutes for the November 30, 2007 Special Taxicab Commission Meeting.

C. Recommendation of the Taxi Detail for consideration of Public Passenger Vehicle Driver permit to:

Abbas Esmayl Al-Gazali	Cutris Wright
Abdul Naser	Fause Goulart
Ajaya Adhikari	Gebremedhin Wessne
Ali Mohammed Saeed	Hajju Bonjemaa
Amuhammad Akbar	Jagtar Singh
Anthony Lavia	John Thong
Azad Mamedov	Mnezam Fakhouri
Berhanu Molla	Mohamed El Alami
Bodnomdarjaa Sarantuya	Said Jamal Hachime
Colin McDonald	Saijid Vasani
Constant Massengo	Samuel Johnson

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Yared Ephrem	1316	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
2. Manohar S. Bawa	1317	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
3. Dean Olsen	1319	Yellow	Alt. Fuel
4. Kham Ta	9085	Yellow	Ramp
5. George Wade	9088	Yellow	Ramp
6. Mikhail Lirisman*	450	Yellow	Regular
7. Jamal Tawasha	1315	Luxor	Alt. Fuel
8. Chris Hoang	9083	Luxor	Ramp
9. David Kreutner	9086	Luxor	Ramp
10. Ghassan Hammoudeh	9087	Luxor	Ramp
11. Tan Vuong	9089	Luxor	Ramp
12. Lawrence Kelley	1318	National	Alt. Fuel
13. Bernard Schnatter	1320	DeSoto	Alt. Fuel
14. Rafael Machkovsky	9084	Town	Ramp

* Continued at last meeting because there was not a quorum.

E. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Awan S. Sweis	7-051	Ramp
2. Joshua A. Miller	6-963	Ramp
3. Rami A. Sulaiman	6-999	Ramp
4. Conotantino D. Peralta	6-911	Ramp
5. Negash Tesfasilasie	7-002	Ramp
6. Omar Bubaker	6-948	Ramp
7. Emil Lawrence	6-889	Ramp
8. Herbert Gee	7-001	Ramp

F. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to remove the following applicant name(s) from the Taxicab/Ramp Taxi waiting list in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List#
1. Dennis O'Sullivan	6-487
2. Prithvipal S. Toor	6-498
3. JoanAnn S. Radu-Sinaiko*	6-499
4. Andrew Sinaiko*	6-500
5. Winfield L. McCoy	6-501
6. Wilita K. Bowen	6-503
7. Barnaby Casperian	6-505
8. Monroe S. Stark	6-507
9. Larry C. Anderson	6-512

* Request a continuance to further research their case.

G. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List#	Applicant Name	List#	Applicant Name	List#
1. Earl F. Moore	6-901	27. James G. McGuire	6-966	53. Bijan Niakian	7-022
2. Fariborz Golshan	6-902	28. Tariq N. Baig	6-969	54. Vicky Lynn	7-023
3. John Flarkey	6-903	29. Bajjad W. Baig	6-970	55. Craig S. Breibart	7-025
4. Jeffrey Mar	6-908	30. Lloyd Brown	6-971	56. Havey L. Owens	7-026
5. Thanh V. Dao	6-915	31. Robert E. Garrett	6-973	57. Gregory J. Roden	7-027
6. Earl R. Franklin	6-918	32. Wayne L. Swisher	6-974	58. Victor A. Young	7-030
7. Young C. Park	6-919	33. Robert Cowles	6-977	59. Angela R. Sangalang	7-031
8. Robert J. Giard	6-920	34. Darrell S. Jobe	6-980	60. Erlie M. Sebastian	7-032
9. Mike Shanley	6-923	35. Wolfgang P. Wenger	6-981	61. Munther Salman	7-034
10. James Regan	6-924	36. Khalil A. Lakah	6-985	62. Robert Terranova	7-035
11. Scott A. Krile	6-925	37. Lee Ng	6-986	63. Gregory Mathis	7-036
12. Relondo A. Bell	6-928	38. Drake T. Batterson	6-989	64. Walter J. Morgan	7-037
13. Michael K. Powers	6-929	39. Emad Abu-Hayyah	6-991	65. Joseph Bryak	7-038
14. Fatemeb T. Dadfarin	6-930	40. Cynthia Snowden	6-992	66. Dianne Andrews	7-040
15. Suleiman A. Masalha	6-932	41. Gideon Tesfaye	6-995	67. Adel N. Aldalali	7-043
16. Samuel Smith	6-934	42. Saeed N. Poortowsi	6-996	68. Alexander Sarain	7-044
17. Gregg F. Stuhler	6-939	43. Frankie W. Wong	6-997	69. Kenneth M. Harris	7-045
18. John Panages	6-940	44. Richard Chang	6-998	70. Ibrahim N. Abdulkariem	7-046
19. Elias Y. Saadan	6-943	45. Eric Hansen	7-003	71. Lewis Lee	7-047
20. Tara Shannon	6-946	46. William Peyser	7-004	72. James Regan*	6-924
21. Francisco H. Antolin	6-947	47. Khaldoun F. Sukkar	7-007	73. Christopher French*	6-966
22. Timothy S. Jones	6-949	48. Dave Tuliao	7-013	74. Wolfgang P. Wenger*	6-985
23. Felix Grau	6-958	49. Stephanie P. Chang	7-014		
24. Mikhail Smilovitsky	6-961	50. Selwyn Lee	7-016		
25. William G. Mounsey	6-965	51. Brian Hoyt	7-017		
26. Christopher E. French		52. Lorenzo V. Caruso	7-020		

**Declined Ramp Offer*

H. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. William H Case	1103	American to Yellow Cab
2. Theodore Gray	150	Luxor to DeSoto
3. George Lancia	846	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
4. Evern Byrd	1031	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
5. Steve Goldstein	923	Worldwide to SF Taxi Cab
6. Keith Raskin	1137	Worldwide to B&W Checker
7. Carol Fenner	953	Worldwide to B&W Checker

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A. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Time Waiver to:

Applicant Name:	List Number:	Type of Medallion:
1. Barry Korengold	6-521	Alt. Fuel
2. Drake Batterson	6-991	Ramp
3. Willie De Luca	7-039	Ramp
4. Sohail Sweis	7-057	Ramp
5. Saher Sweis	7-058	Ramp
6. David Geitheim	7-062	Ramp
7. Jay R. Chatfield	7-063	Ramp
8. Craig Wilson	7-064	Ramp

B. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	List #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:
1. Lien Nguyen	6-933	Luxor	Ramp
2. Hoa M. Quach	6-879	Luxor	Ramp

C. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to consider applicant(s) ineligible for a Ramp Medallion for Municipal Police Code Section 1080(c)(2) for failure to respond and submit an application:

Applicant Name	List#
1. Robert A. Slivoski	6-979
2. Suhaila Sweis	7-056
3. Elchan Aliev	7-066

*All above drivers declined the ramp offer.

D. Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Nasser Fraydouni	725	Bay Cab to B&W Checker
2. Fred Seronick	6, 7 and 8	Town Taxi to B&W Checker
3. Edward Teper	844	Alliance to Luxor Cab

E. Commission Request to Calendar

Commissioner/ Request	Date of Request	
President Gillespie		
Replacing taxi vehicle cameras	June 26, 2008	December 11, 2007
Regular Updates from 311	July 24, 2007	
Yellow Cab business listings in phone book	July 24, 2007	
Administrative Tickets issued by Detail and Staff	Sept 11, 2007	
Review of dispatch changes of medallion holder	Oct 23, 2007	
Vice President Breslin		
Application process for taxi stands with DPT.	April 25, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Request to calendar enforcement of illegal limousines	September 26, 2006	
Commissioner Oka		
Review of Taxi School curriculum regarding sensitivity of disabled community.	August 14, 2007	Planned Hearing Date
Request to calendar to work with the Art Commission on approving exterior and interior advertisement designs on taxicabs.	September 26, 2006	
What images are appropriate inside and outside of taxis	May 22, 2007	
Commissioner Heinicke		

Resolution to State Legislatures regarding urging PUC licensing standards for limousines.	August 28, 2007	Planned Hearing
Commissioner Oneto		
Review & discussion of qualifications for a medallion. Specifically the test administered to prospective medallion holders.	November 22, 2006	Planned Hearing Date
Discussion & possible action to establish standard administrative penalties for companies that verify false waybills.	December 12, 2006	Rules Subcommittee Item
Gas and Gate meeting	June 12, 2007	
Commissioner Benjamin		
Time Waivers	June 12, 2007	Planned Hearing

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Present: Gillespie, Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Oneto, Heinicke

Absent: 0

President Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Heidi Machen, Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen, Investigator Scott Leon, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho – Taxi Commission, Sergeant Ron Reynolds, City Attorney Tom Owen

Heidi Machen, Executive Director: Turn-off cell-phones, interferes with phone systems and we get feedback.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Annual Safety Hearing**

- **Adrian Moy, Deputy Director of MTA Safety**: MUNI safety busses go through a 1000 mile inspection and CHP may inspect at anytime.

- **Scott Leon, Investigator of Taxi Commission:** Update on security camera program. Drivers feel apathetic towards the program and do not care. Color schemes reporting the life span of theses vehicles are coming to an end and need to be replaced.

- **Sergeant Reynolds:** 80% of the cameras are not working properly.

- **Com Heinicke:** GTU says that 1 in 15 cameras are functioning and you say 80%, is this inconsistency based on the fact that when needing to download the cameras they do not work?

- **Sgt Reynolds:** Yes. When the next cameras are purchased, staff needs to ensure the cameras are solid. Commission needs to set minimum standards for these cameras. Some companies are no longer in business and parts hard to come by. Someone needs to upgrade the system, training of the system to teach the drivers of the importance of the cameras.

- **President Gillespie:** First state in America to mandate these cameras. No one has been murdered since these cameras have been put into the cabs. We clearly have problems and know there's a whole new generation of technology out there, that are really extraordinary. How should we pick this next camera? Should people just choose from a list or should we require they purchase a camera that we choose? Also do we need to mandate all new cameras?

- **Scott Leon:** 1-15 working cameras are based on a survey. Some drivers turn off the camera but no one should be touching the cameras.

- **Com Heinicke:** Why are the cameras failing so many times?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** The software we have is old and not compatible with our units. Some color schemes swap parts from one vehicle to another to pass testing. My statistics are from after an investigation is launched.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We need to figure out if there is a mobile camera that is taking a picture of the cab roof as opposed to disabling camera.
- **Com Breslin:** When there is a failure is it because of compatibility issue?
- **Com Paek:** Does that mean the camera had been modified?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Yes. And that is why we need a reliable company that when there is a problem with the system we have a contact.
- **Pres Gillespie:** When this was done, for privacy issues we had the software to only be accessible by Taxi Detail and no one else.
- **Com Heinicke:** If we purchase new cameras, we should have a contract that would require the company to give us updated software.
- **Com Breslin:** What is the process or standard that we use other than red light and green light?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** We randomly check the taxis and if they camera is not working we ask them to fix it and then send them back to GTU an inspection.
- **Com Breslin:** What are the checks and balances, replacement parts, ensuring SFPD-Detail has the updated software as opposed to life expectancy?
- **Pres Gillespie:** We are reaching the point of replacement time and we need to address this issue.
- **Com Paek:** Who is paying for this? We really want to make sure what the problem is.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** When there is a failure it is not Taxi-Details responsibility to find out what the problem is with the cameras when they do not download.
- **Com Breslin:** Who do you believe should be responsible for this?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Not sure this would be possible since there is only one investigative person who is not contracted to diagnose camera issues.
- **Com Heinicke:** There should be follow-up by these two as to what the next steps should be.
- **Com Breslin:** I would second that.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Last week some of the Commissioners went out to GTU and have some ideas. There is a practice that I have become uncomfortable with by using salvaged vehicles as taxi cabs. We should prohibit the use of these vehicles. Also should consider more inspections. For example putting the vehicles on a lift and test driving vehicle on the freeway. Questions rely on funding and available time.
- **Com Heinicke:** Are salvaged vehicles a working issue or a safety issue?
- **Pres Gillespie:** Does not want to speak for them, but they have said a relatively large number of vehicles they have inspected are a safety issue. We would need further discussion.
- **Com Oneto:** When a vehicle is totaled by the insurance company there is a safety issue since metal on the vehicle is bent.

Public Comment:

- **Hansu Kim:** Most companies use expensive camera. Second generation cameras are not needed.
- **Barry Taranto:** Hearing not as informative as other hearings by not including police reports. Should also review procedures of dispatch services or maybe need to be reviewed again, as does shift changing.
- **Marty Smith:** Safety problem with cameras are that not enough people know how to work on them. Managers should be trained on how to download images, since the image disappears after 24 hours.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Believes the cameras work well Yellow purchased the Silent Witness.
- **Robert Cezano:** Protocol problem is that cameras are being transferred from one camera to another. Police are not checking throughout the year and only when there's an investigation.
- **Rich Hybels:** Uses a cable to check and see if cameras are properly working. But someone should have the software other than Detail to ensure they are working. Not in favor of salvaged cars since some have electrical problems.
- **Hansu Kim:** Will contact Silent Witness to find out how the Commission can efficiently and effectively purchase these cameras.
- **Ann:** Driver and has been having lots of problems with her vehicles including one hybrid that caught on fire.
- **Keith Raskin:** Salvaged cars are repairable. The term is misleading since it is not specific
- **Pres Gillespie:** We do not have any hand on what color schemes purchase so being able to label these vehicles is important to us.
- **David:** Work and safety issue are often grouped together. UTW wants driver safety. Presented the Commission a list of what vehicles he has driven that are good and bad.
- **Tone Lee:** Was told that if pressed the emergency button more than 5 times, it requires resetting by the police. Many dispatchers don't know this, let alone drivers. Cameras should be updated since b&w picture is hard to see.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Police statistics should be reviewed tonight, required by the rules. The wire connected to the camera is exposed several inches before it goes into the roof. Installation of these cameras should be reviewed
- **Thomas George Williams:** Vehicle testing is needed for all taxis and at least 2 time per year. Other issues are fumes in the vehicle cabin.
- **Chuffa:** Improving cameras in a public forum is wrong since the Commission is telling the public that the cameras are dysfunctional and are endangering drivers.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Supports emissions testing inside the cabin, cameras and a panic button. If there is mandatory GPS in ramps, it should also be in sedans. Random inspections would be a great idea.
- **TariqMehmood:** How many drivers know how to use this. In contact with companies that work on camera issues in Columbia who monitor the cameras from the companies. Panic button should also be connected to the police.
- **Peter Witt:** Using duct tape to hold cabs together is not safety. Sees the same thing at his company. Meter of taxi obstructs the view of the cab driver. Outreach to drivers is important.
- **Com Heinicke:** Either the industry makes this technology work or the Commission will have to mandate a new generation of cameras. Would like to hear back in a meeting or 2 on how these cameras will work. Companies who do not have cameras need to purchase them.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like to continue this to a month in order for the police to include this in their report
- **Com Breslin:** Looking forward to Hansu's follow-up.

6. Consent Calendar:

Public Comment:

- **Ruach Graffis:** Received a call from someone that Luxor is using hybrid medallion in a gas burning vehicle.
- **Pres Gillespie:** There has been grant money delayed causing problems for companies. If you would like we can look into and see what is going on.
- **Com Heinicke:** I do not want to go into researching this until we know this is going on and that this if this is happening, this was not intended use for the hybrid/alt fuel medallions.
- **Barry Taranto:** Items that are on Notice section do not have proper workers' compensation.
- **Herbert Gee:** Not sure what he needs to do to receive ramp, believes he is qualified.
- **Com Heinicke:** Director Machen does he qualify for a time waiver?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, he does. I sat with him to discuss his waybills. He drove a ramp taxi for several years before but has not in the last 6 months which he is required to do so.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Do you understand what the standards are. You would need to go to a company that has ramps. Mr. Lazar may help you on this since he may have a record of the pick up.
- **Herbert Gee:** I will look into that.
- **Com Breslin:** He would not lose his place on the list correct?
- **Dir Machen:** Yes, that is correct. He will float on top of the waiting list. He will lose any credit on the initial three months as we move into time.
- **Pres Gillespie:** You need to go before the staff to further discuss this.
- **Marty Smith:** Ralph Machkovsky reliable driver.
- **Jacob Miezel:** Was in the middle of an insurance company war over workers' compensation.
- **Name:** Ralph was my driving partner and I know he drove.
- **Laurie Graham:** Congratulates George Wade for receiving a medallion, has been her day driver for 10 years.
- **Peter Witt:** Minutes did not include his comments and handout.
- **Com Heinicke:** Are there any more Worldwide medallions needing to transfer?
- **Keith Raskin:** No.
- **Roll Call**
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve medallions Items D1- Yared Ephrem, D2- Manohar Bawa, D3- Dean Olsen, D4- Kham Ta, D5 George Wade, D6- Mikhail Lirisman
- **Com Oka:** 2nd motion.

AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NO: 0
ABSENT: Gillespie RECUSE: 0

- **Roll Call**
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approve medallions D7- Jamal Tawasha, D8- Chris Hoang, D9- David Kruetner, D10- Ghassan

Hammoudeh, D11- Tan Vuong & approve color scheme change H2-Theodore Gray

- **Com Oka:** Second motion

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Oka, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NO: 0
ABSENT: Benjamin RECUSE: 0

- **Dir Machen:** Overview of D14- Ralph Machkovsky.
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Taxi Detail has an investigation pending on Mr. Ralph Machkovsky. Lt. Schlotz requested to continue this in order to investigate the waybills.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would recommend continuing this.
- **Com Breslin:** This is the last meeting for this year and would out him on a different schedule in order to qualify for the medallion. I would award the medallion and pending the investigation we can re the medallion.
- **Dir Machen:** Since this item has been heard in 2007 this would freeze his driving requirement for this year.
- **Pres Gillespie:** We have reassurances that this will be held to the 2007 driving requirement and to the address this at the next meeting.

5. **Public Comment:**

- **Edward Evans:** Would like to award Jordanna Thigpen and Heidi Machen for outstanding service and looks forward to working with them.
- **Rich Hybels:** Fleet travels 124 million miles per year, wouldn't we know if the cabs had mechanical break down.
- **Robert Cezano:** Service special meeting has been promised but no meeting held. Audit electronically can happen at Yellow over a few days.
- **Tom Stangellini:** Frank Tognotti passed away and the medallion needed to be returned but the medallion is not on Notice Section. The medallion will sit in the draw through the holiday.
- **Com Breslin:** Can the Commission make an exception to the law.
- **City Attorney:** I will look into it.
- **Dir Machen:** Luxor has requested an extension of time in the past, which has been granted. They should contact our office for such a request.
- **Chuffa:** The police are the reason that the Commission is in the hole that they currently are. Ask the Lieutant who was awarded a medallion inappropriately and why she didn't come before the Commission to report them.
- **CharlesRathbone:** Recent hearing at Board of Supervisors, Controller's Office said large number of color schemes have not filed financial statements. Commission should look into this.
- **Com Heinicke:** I have heard this from more than one person, any update on this?
- **Dir Machen:** When I took office, the Controller's Office enlisted our support in this and we had a 100% filing. This year they did not, resulting in 1/3 response. Penalizing the smaller companies that have not come into compliance has not been on the top of the Commission's list.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like the Commission to send a letter out to the companies because this is an important rule to follow. Would like to see the list of these companies.
- **Richard Weiner:** Would like the Commission to focus the public. Taxi stands should be established throughout the City

and neighborhoods. Approve CNG cars at the airport and drive your own medallion rule.

- **Barry Taranto:** Sits at the Macy's stand and picks up fares. Would like some gifts on the last day of Chanukah from the Commission.
- **Hansu Kim:** Thanks the committees on their efforts. Has concern for new hybrid/alt fuel medallions. There are no rules set on what a clean air vehicle is and companies are juggling with the issue with no clear definition. Should have been thought out more thoroughly.
- **Peter Witt:** Has not received information from staff. President approved more cabs as a driver representative. Survey done this year not done well.
- **Andy Snaiku:** Commission website of cab stands not clear.
- **Barry Korngold:** Prorating hours for drivers when are on the agenda early on the calendar year. Spoke with attorneys who believe Daly/Ma language reads the way he thinks it does as well.
- **Tariq Mehmood**: Some Commissioners need to get out of the UTW box. Com Heinicke continued Michael Roach's medallion but didn't attend the special meeting.
- **Mark Gruberg**: Tariq Mehmood supported $118 gate increase, tape will prove it.

4a. Fact Finding Hearing and Disciplinary action including Possible Revocation of Permits: [ACTION]

a. **Adoption of Hearing Officer's Findings for Regents Cab, color scheme for violation of MPC Section 1147.4 Compliance with Workers' Compensation**

- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** Overview of item.
- **Com Benjamin:** Why has it taken four years for this to come before the Commission? If we are going to cite color schemes four years of why give them 30 days?
- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** The hearing officer held it up.
- **Roy Alexander, Attorney for Regents:** Overview.
- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** Rebuttal.
- **Roy Alexander:** Rebuttal.

Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone:** Commends staff on this issue, very well done. Staff has accomplished something in its tenure.
- **Hansu Kim:** There should be a fair playing line on this issue across the board since there is tremendous ambiguity.
- **Rich Hybels:** Has spent $565 thousand on workers' compensation and all companies should comply with the law.
- **Chuffa:** Thanks Com Heinicke's guidance. As a medallion holder pays fees to the color scheme for workers' compensation. Companies that do not have workers' compensation should be closed.
- **Robert Cezano:** Commission should be clear in its decision. Commission allows companies to sell ideas of a taxi company, Regents does this.
- **Tone Lee:** He knows the driver who was hurt in Regents cab. Asian drivers have donated to a few thousand dollars to help this man.
- **BarryTaranto:** This company was losing ½ of what they were because they were paying workers' compensation. There

are people running medallions at this company that should be here.

- **Mark Gruberg:** This issue brings fresh air to the Commission since reform is badly needed. This offers a rationale for having everyone in the industry following the same laws. The Commission should adopt this not just for Regents but all companies across the board.
- **Tariq Mehmood:** The rules need to be looked at closely since findings will decide future cases. We need workers' compensation, the Commission should review and set rules.
- **Com Heinicke:** Thank you for your presentation. Does Regents think that as a color scheme it is not responsible for providing the worker's compensation since it does not make money from its medallions.
- **Com Heinicke:** Other color schemes that do the leasing, pay less because they insure more medallions paying less and not passing the fee onto the medallion holders. When these medallions leave the color scheme the Commission will follow these medallion holders to ensure they have workers' compensation.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Regents are the first to be brought up on charges for not having workers' compensation. Wants to say that they are great people. There is no fine in this but rather compliance within 60 days. I am pretty clear on my decision here.
- **Com Breslin:** Agrees there should be a standard in the Commission to have workers' compensation. We need to clarify who pays for it but it needs to be purchased. Our goal is to have drivers covered. If 60 days is not enough, we can add more time.
- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** Requiring the individual medallion holders to purchase workers' compensation may create creatures of the black lagoon.
- **Com Benjamin:** Allowing a color scheme to be a color scheme and limiting brokering will help us rein in on this issue.
- **Com Heinicke:** I agree with that. If we can make this clearer to the color scheme I think that would be better.
- **Steve Anton:** We would like at least six months, in order to notify the medallion holders.
- **Jordanna Thigpen, Deputy Director:** We can send out a letter to each of the medallion holders letting them know the decision of the commission.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Six months is too long, I would be willing to extend it to 90 days.
- **Steve Anton:** The next few months are going to be rough for the drivers and so the extension would be helpful.
- **Com Oka:** You cannot have your cake and eat it too. You should follow the letter of the law.
- **Com Paek:** We are trying to work with you and you should show some interest. I cannot imagine drivers operating a vehicle without workers' compensation.
- **Com Heinicke:** Motion to approved recommendations but amend to allow 90 days.
- **Com Oneto:** 2nd motion
- **Com Benjamin:** Need to insure all color schemes are following the law and if they are not then they should listen
- **Com Breslin:** What about the single shifters?
- **Com Benjamin:** We are not issuing these medallions for single shifters.
- **Com Breslin:** We should clarify if all medallion holders are required to have workers' compensation
- **Com Heinicke:** January time frame to clarify the second recommendation.
- **Roll Call**

- **AYES: Gillespie, Benjamin, Paek, Heinicke, Oneto NO: 0**
  ABSENT: Breslin, Oka RECUSE: 0

4b. Grasshopper Alec Kaplan medallion number 9062, violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.A.5, 5.F.2, 5.H.a, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.H.4, 5.H.5, 5.H.10, 5.H.11, 5.H.14, 5.H.16, 5.H.17, 5.I.3, 5.I.4, and 5.K.2, 4.A.5; MPC Section1148.5, 1120, 1187.1, 1101 and 1123.

- **Zadik Shapiro, Attorney for Grasshopper Alec Kaplan:** Requests this hearing be continued.
- **Director Machen:** Should not continue this item, the medallion has been off the street since July 2007 and possibly then another 6 months.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Continue this to January hearing.

Public Comment:

- **Tone Lee:** All people make mistakes. We should try to give people a chance.
- **Chuffa:** In the last few months Alec has been out of control. Have some compassion, there is a problem.

7. Staff report

- **Dir Machen:** Overview
- **Sgt Reynolds:** Overview of "Operation Bandit".
- **Com Breslin:** Cannot attend tomorrow's luncheon, but glad to see this opportunity to thank them.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Next meeting Charter Reform is Dec 18th and Rules Committee to meet Jan 11.
- **Com Benjamin:** GTU has been conflicted that 311 sticker outside SF not working. Sticker should have 415 area code for people calling from outside the City.

Public Comment:

- **Hansu Kim:** Should have another Clean Air meeting.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like something to be held before the next meeting.
- **Mary McGuire**: Saw officer making stop of illegal limo and is very pleased.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Hartened about the limo problem and happy that an administrative proceeding is occurring based on Asm Leno's legislation.

3. **Management Exemption Update:** Continued

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Adjournment in a moment of silence for Robert Feldman. 10:55pm.**

Taxicab Commission

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